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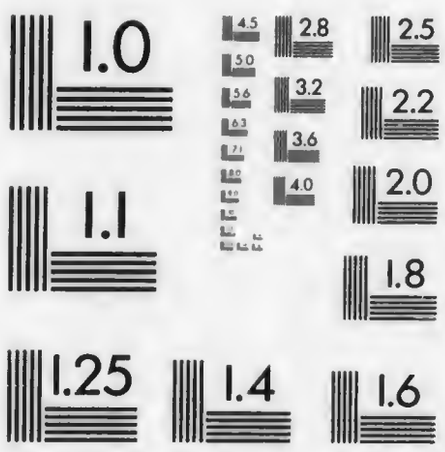

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Friday, April 12, 1878.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Library this day at 3.45 o'clock P.M. in conformity with the following notice.

April 10, 1878.

Sir:-

You will please attend a meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library on Friday the 12th inst. at 3.45 P.M., to be held for the purpose of organizing under the Act of Incorporation of April 4th, 1878.

Respectfully yours
W. W. Greenough

Present Messrs Greenough, Thomas, Frothingham, Lewis, Chase and Green.

Robert M. Morse, jr. appeared and took the chair for the purpose of organizing the Board.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Lewis it was:

Voted. That the Act of Incorporation of the Trustees of the Boston Public Library approved by the governor April 4, 1878, be accepted and placed on record.

Chap. 114

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight.

An Act

To incorporate the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

Section 1. The trustees of the public library of the City of Boston for the time being are hereby made a corporation by the name of the trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, and said Trustees and their successors in office shall continue a body corporate for the purposes hereinafter set forth, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities in the general laws relating to such corporations.

Section 2. Said corporation shall have authority to take and hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding one million dollars, which may be given, granted, bequeathed, or devised to it, and accepted by the trustees for the benefit of the public library of the city of Boston, or any branch library, or any purpose connected therewith. Money received by it shall be invested, by the treasurer of the city of Boston under the direction of the finance committee of said city; and all securities belonging to said corporation shall be placed in the custody of said treasurer: provided always that both the principal and income thereof shall be appropriated according to the terms of the donation, devise or bequest, under the direction of said corporation.

Section 3. The trustees of the public library shall be seven in number. In the month of April in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight and annually thereafter in the month of January, the city council shall elect, by concurrent vote of the two branches, one member of the board of aldermen, and one member of the common council, to be members of said board of trustees, to hold office during the remainder of the municipal year in which they are elected, and until others are elected in their places. And in the month of April in the year eighteen-hundred and seventy-eight, the mayor shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the city council, five citizens of Boston, not members of the city council, to be members of the board of trustees of the public library, one of whom shall hold office for five years, one for four years, one for three years and one for two years and one for one year; and upon such election, and such appointment and confirmation, the terms of office of the trustees of the public library then holding office shall cease and determine. And annually thereafter, in the month of April in each year, the mayor shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the city council, one citizen at large, as a trustee of the public library, to serve for a term of five years from the first Monday in May in the year in which he shall be appointed. The trustees shall at all times be subject to removal from office for cause by a vote of two thirds of each branch of the city council present and voting thereon. Whenever any vacancy shall occur in said board of trustees by death, resignation or otherwise, said vacancy shall be filled by the election or appointment, in the manner aforesaid, of another trustee, who shall hold office for the residue of the unexpired term. No member of said board of trustees shall receive any pecuniary compensation for his services.

Section 4. The members of said board shall meet for organization, on the first Monday of each May, and choose one of their number as president. They shall have power to make such rules and regulations relating to said public library and its branches, and its officers and servants, and to fix and enforce penalties for the violation

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of such rules and regulations, as they may deem expedient; provided, that the same shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and shall be subject at all times to such limitations, restrictions, and amendments as the city council may direct.

Section 5. The said trustees shall have the general care and control of the central public library now located in Boylston street in said city, and of all branches thereof which have been or which may hereafter be established, together with the buildings and rooms containing the same, and the fixtures and furniture connected therewith, and also of the expenditures of the moneys appropriated therefor.

Section 6. The said board of trustees may appoint a superintendent or librarian with such assistants and subordinate officers as they may think necessary or expedient, and may remove the same, and fix their compensation; provided, that the amount thus paid shall not exceed the sum appropriated by the city council for that item of expense, and the income of any moneys which may lawfully be appropriated for the same purpose from funds or property held by said trustees under the provisions of this act

Section 7. The city council shall have power to pass such ordinances not inconsistent herewith or repugnant to other laws of the Commonwealth as to the duties and authority of said board as they may from time to time deem expedient.

Section 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives, April 2, 1878.

Passed to be enacted

John D. Long, Speaker,

In Senate, April 3, 1878.

Passed to be enacted,

John B. D. Cogswell, President,

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Approved

Alexander H. Rice

Secretary's Department

Boston, April 4, 1878.

A true copy, - Attest:

Henry J. Coolidge

Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Chase it was voted to proceed to the election of a clerk, whereupon ballots being given in it appeared that Samuel A. Green was unanimously chosen.

Samuel A. Green elected Clerk

Mr. Morse administered the following oath

Suffolk ss.

Boston, April 12, 1878.

Then personally appeared the above named Samuel A. Green and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of clerk of the corporation.

Before me

R. M. Morse Jr

Justice of the Peace.

On motion of Mr. Lewis seconded by Mr. Chase it was voted to proceed to the election of a president. Whereupon ballots being given in, it appeared that William W. Greenough was unanimously chosen.

Wm. W. Greenough elected President

After a few remarks expressing his appreciation of the honor, Mr. Greenough read the following statement, which was accepted as the opinion of the Board.

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In terminating the existence of a Board of Trustees, elected for the past twenty-six years under the City Ordinance, and in taking the initial steps to inaugurate a new form of government, with powers extended by an Act of Incorporation, it is proper to place upon record the sense of the Trustees in their new position as the corporators of the institution.

Mr. Greenough's remarks.

In the review of their relations to the City Government, during the past history of the library, it is most gratifying to remember that they have always been highly cordial, and that during that period no considerable expenditure contemplated, which would enlarge its usefulness and add to its desired growth and strength, has been refused to the Trustees. In particular would the Trustees remember with gratitude the services rendered by the successive joint committees upon the Library, who have unfailingly supported the Trustees in their efforts to make the Library such an institution as its founder and the just expectations of their fellow citizens contemplated.

That the Trustees have failed to obtain such an extension of the Library building as has been and is now needed to enable it to meet the wants of the public is not unnatural or surprising when the great losses of the city by the fire of 1872 and the subsequent shrinkage of values are remembered, with the consequent pressure of taxation upon a community ill fitted to bear its necessary burthens.

The history of this connection and of the benefits conferred upon civilization by the generous appropriations of the City Government has been thankfully recorded at length in the last report of the Trustees, which embraced the history of the quarter of a century preceding the 1st May 1877.

By means of the munificent benefactions which founded the library, and bestowed upon it such a noble collection of books, and which have continued their bounty for all time in giving it the power to add to its popular libraries books of permanent value, for the benefit of the student and the scholar, it is perhaps enough to say that they have placed the institution among the foremost in the world for general utility, and for the value of its contents unsurpassed, if not unequalled among the libraries of the New World.

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In beginning then a new era with increased powers and responsibilities, may we not hope that the experience gained by past successes may enable the new organization to administer the library with the same sympathetic support of the city government as may still further extend its uses, with increased facilities for the public convenience, and with a renewed confidence in the public spirited of our fellow citizens who are ever seeking to be remembered by their good deeds after the wheel of time has removed them from an active participation in the affairs of life.

Mr. Lewis for the Committee on the South Boston Branch offered the following

Nora McCarty's salary.

Order. That the salary of Nora McCarty be raised to $450 per annum, dating from January 1, 1878.

The order was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Chase it was

Repair of front door Reading Room & Art Room.

Voted. That the Committee on Building and Grounds be and hereby are instructed to arrange with the Committee of the City Council on Public Buildings for the repair and repainting of the front door and for the cleaning and painting of the reading and art rooms.

Communication from Mr. Tiffany

A communication was received from Mr. Tiffany, which was referred to the Committee on Administration with full powers, and ordered to be placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Lewis it was

By-Laws.

Voted. That the By Laws relative to the Trustees and Officers of the last Board be adopted as the By Laws of the Corporation except Article XVII, which shall read "The Assistant Librarians shall render such services in the Library as may be designated by the Trustees"; and except in Article XVIII the words "Office Secretary" shall read "Register" and that the word Superintendent whenever it occurs in the By Laws shall read Librarian; and except Article XXVII.

~ By-Laws ~

Article I. Stated meetings of the Board shall be held at least once in each month, at such times as may be appointed, the Clerk sending due notice of each meeting to each member.

Article II. Special meetings may be called by the Clerk in the same manner at any time, at the request of the President, or of any two members of the Board.

Article III. Four Trustees shall constitute a quorum of the Board.

Article IV. Any question before the Board shall be taken by yeas and nays at the request of any member thereof.

Article V. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the Board; to sign all drafts for moneys upon the City Treasury; to appoint the Standing and Branch Committees for the year; to prepare the Annual Report of the Trustees; and, on behalf of the Board, to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the institution.

Article VI. The Standing Committees of the Board shall be four in number, of three members each, with the exception of the Committee on Books and Catalogues, which shall consist of four, the President being ex officio Chairman; and they shall establish their own quorums.

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Article VII. The Committee on Building and Grounds shall have control in the following matters:—

1st. In questions touching the furniture, fixtures, care, ventilation, repair, alterations, heating and lighting of the building and the care of the grounds.

2d. In questions relating to the acceptance and care of all works of art.

3d. In questions relating to the nomination, duties and absences of all attendants connected with the janitorial departments.

4th. In directing or approving of expenditures not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Article VIII. The Committee on Administration shall have control in the following matters:—

1st. In questions relating to the arrangements for the circulation and use of books and periodicals; for the registration of names, for the treatment of delinquents, and for correction abuses of the Library privileges; for the preparation of the statistics of circulation; and for the needful periodic examinations of the Library.

2d. In questions relating to the nomination, duties and absences of all attendants connected with the circulating and registering departments

Article IX. The Committee on Books and Catalogues shall have control in the following matters:—

1st. In questions concerning the selection, purchase and binding of books and periodicals, the disposition of duplicates; the acceptance and acknowledgment of donations, securing a due equivalent in other books for all donations exchanged, unless the donor shall have consented in writing to the disposal of his gift without such equivalent.

2d. In questions concerning the preparation, printing, and distribution by sale or gift of all Catalogues; and concerning

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all printing required by the Library. They shall twice in each year report to the Board the number of the various Catalogues and Finding Lists on hand, and the number of bound Catalogues distributed by gift or sale since the last report.

3d. In seeing that no book is placed on the shelves of the Library until it has duly passed through such processes as may ensure a correct correspondence with the order-book, bill or invoice; the proper assignment to fund or appropriation; an accurate collation when desirable; an entry on the Accession Slips; the affixing to the book itself of the accession number, the stamp, plate, rules and shelf label, and, where required, the covering of the book; the needful cataloguing, starring, binding, locating of each, and the proper entry on the daily bulletins and shelf-lists. If the book is a duplicate, not intended for the shelf, only such processes are to be required as will preserve a record of its cost and addition to the library, with the fund or appropriation it is charged to, if a purchase.

4th In questions concerning the nominations, duties, and absences of all attendants in the departments covered by their supervision.

Article X. The Committee on Finance shall have control in the following matters:-

1st. In questions relating to accounts and insurance, to the proper expenditure of Trust Funds and appropriations. They shall make a semi-annual report upon the state of the Trust Fund accounts.

2d In questions relating to the nomination, duties and absence of the Library Auditor, whose books shall show accurately each month the expenditures from the City appropriations and from the interest of each of the Trust Funds, each Fund being scrupulously credited with the value of all books purchased therewith.

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3d In questions relating to the salaries on the annual pay-roll, reporting to the Board, as early as is necessary in each year, the proposed pay-roll for the year.

4th. This Committee shall present, at the meeting next previous to the 20th of each month, the monthly schedule of bills for expenses which has been authenticated by the Librarian; and if these or other bills are allowed by the Board, the President shall sign a warrant for the payment of the same; and no moneys shall be drawn from the City Treasury unless upon a similar warrant. All remittances upon foreign account, and credits open with the agents of the Library abroad, shall in each case require a special vote of the Board.

5th. This Committee shall also have control of all receipts and expenditures of money within the building; and shall exercise all needful charge of the exacting and accounting for fines imposed upon delinquents.

Article XI. The Branch Committees shall be one for each Branch, consisting of two members each. They shall have control in the following matters:-

1st In questions relating to the nomination duties and absences of the Librarian and other attendants of the Branch.

2d It shall be the duty of some one member of the Committee to visit the Branch in its charge at least once in each fortnight.

Article XII. The Order of Business at the stated meetings of the Board shall be as follows:-

1st. Reading of the Record of Proceedings of the previous meeting.

2d. Business required by the City Ordinances in relation to the Public Library, and communications from any Branch of the City Government.

3d. Unfinished business.

4th. Reports from Standing Committees.

5th. Reports from Branch Committees.

6th. Reports from Special Committees.
7th. Correspondence.
8th. Librarian's Report.
9th. Motions, orders, resolutions, or other business.

Article XIII. A list of all the subjects referred to Committees of the Board, with the dates of reference, shall be kept by the Clerk.

Article XIV. No book, pamphlet, or other publication shall be received at the Library on deposit, or for show or distribution, nor shall any subscription paper for any purpose whatsoever be placed therein, except by express vote of the Board.

Article XV. It shall be the duty of each member of the Board to visit the Library from time to time for the purpose of inspection and counsel; and no pecuniary allowance, or compensation in any form, shall be received by a member of the Board for any service he may render as such.

Article XVI. The Librarian shall under the Trustees, have the general charge and supervision of the whole institution, and of all the persons employed in it, and shall be responsible for its correct management, for the due preservation of all its property, and for the observance of proper order and quiet throughout the buildings; and to this end he shall make any orders he may deem necessary, not inconsistent with the provisions of these By-laws and of the Regulations; but subject to the approval of the Board at the next meeting.

He shall promptly report all flagrant cases of theft, mutilations, or injury of books and periodicals.

He shall be accounted the proper executive officer of the Trustees and of their Committees.

He shall act as the Clerk of the Board of Trustees, if they so direct, and keep their records and files.

He shall from time to time advise the Trustees, in writing, of any change he may deem desirable in the institution or its management.

He shall, at the close of each Library year, report to the Trustees, in writing, whatever may relate to the condition and increase of the whole establishment, and whatever in his judgment may extend its usefulness, and render it more prosperous and efficient.

He shall prepare a monthly report in print covering—

1st. The use of each division of the Library not previously reported.

2d. The number of volumes, pamphlets, etc., entered upon the Accessions Slips, divided under gifts, purchases and exchanges; and the number of volumes added to the several departments of the Central Library, and to the Branches.

3d. Any changes that may have occurred among persons employed in the Library.

4th. The number of persons who, by their signatures, have applied for a right to draw books from the Library.

5th. The number of "Books Recommended", and the number of such ordered.

6th. The number of books that have been lent from each division of the Library, and not duly returned, reckoning from the period of the last annual report, and also the amount of fines, collected since the last report, for detention of books beyond the prescribed time; and the moneys from the sales of Catalogues.

7th Such matters of general interest pertaining to the institution as should be communicated to the Board.

Article XVII. The Assistant Librarians shall render such services in the Library as may be designated by the Trustees.

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Article XVIII. The Register shall assist the Librarian in the executive details of his office, and perform such other duties as the Trustees or the Librarian may direct.

He shall keep such records and memoranda of the daily routine of the institution as may be necessary for the regular and prompt completion of all appointments, and all assignments of stated or special duties, for the officers and attendants. He shall, so far as practicable, attend to the general and special applications made to the Librarian. He shall have charge of the records of attendance, absences and irregularities of each attendant, and shall make note of all complaints and delinquencies, all infractions of rules, and other matters entering into the regular reports of the Librarian

Article XIX. The Inspector of Circulation shall have the general oversight of the reading room in Boylston St., of the Fine Arts Room, of the circulation of the Lower Hall and of the Branches. He shall on each day of the week visit the Branches in turn successively in the mornings, and remain in the Lower Hall from 1 P.M. until the Library closes.

It shall be his duty to keep full statistics corrected to the first of each month of the condition of each library in his charge, of the number of books in each department of each library, and shall report to the Trustees from time to time upon the books wanted or that are superfluous in each library.

It shall be his duty to advise readers on the books and subjects relative to which information is asked and so far as is practicable to assist inquirers in the direction which they need.

It shall also be his duty to inspect and report upon the character of the circulation of the Lower Hall library and of each Branch, classifying so far as is practicable the fiction.

He shall investigate the complaints of visitors and readers and maintain constant watchfulness upon the relations of the popular libraries to the public.

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He shall have the general oversight under the Librarian of the discipline of the reading room in Boylston St. and of the Lower Hall and its Branches. He shall perform such other duties in connection with these departments, as are assigned him by the Trustees.

Article XX. The Keeper of the Lower Hall shall, under the Librarian, have the immediate care of the Circulating Department of the Lower Hall, the Reading Room, the Fine Arts Room, and the Distributing Room, and shall preserve order in them; he shall also render such other assistance in the service of the Library as shall be assigned to him by the Trustees or the Librarian. He must, either in person or by such representative as the Librarian may approve be always present in the Lower Hall, when open to the public.

Article XXI The Auditor shall be charged with the examination of all bills and accounts due from the Library, with the records of receipts from fines, sales of Catalogues and other sources, and shall prepare the monthly requisition upon the City Auditor. This officer shall perform such other duties as the Trustees or the Librarian may direct.

Article XXII. The Janitor, with his family, shall reside in the rooms provided for him in the building. He shall use all diligence in protecting the property of the institution from loss or injury. He shall act as the messenger of the Trustees, of the Librarian, and for the general Library service. He shall open the boxes and packages of books which may be received, and move and place the books afterwards as may be found needful. He shall have the immediate care of the grounds, and of cleaning, heating, and lighting the Library, as well as of opening and closing

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it duly each day; and he shall perform such other duties as the Trustees or the Librarian may, from time to time, deem proper.

Article XXIII. All persons employed in the Library must be promptly at their posts at the time of its opening each morning, and remain there during the hours of their regular duty. They will remember that their time while in the Library should constantly be occupied in its service, and it is the duty of the heads of Departments and the Branch Librarians, under the Librarian to enforce this rule.

1st. They shall admit no visitors within the railings, without the leave of the Librarian or his representative. They shall not deliver books, either for home use, or for use in the building, to any person not presenting the proper card, or giving the proper receipt therefor.

2d. They shall report to the Librarian in writing, all cases of loss or injury of books or periodicals that may have come to their knowledge, and all infractions by visitors of the rules of the Library.

3d. They shall, in their several lines of duty, enforce precisely the same regulations with those Library attendants who borrow books as govern the use of the Library by the public at large, excepting that no new book shall be lent to any such attendant before it has been on the shelf two calendar months, unless the express permission of the Librarian is given. The attendants must never take a book from the place assigned it on the shelves unless in the line of their prescribed duties.

4th. They shall show no partiality for any persons, by giving them advantages in the use of books or periodicals, not accorded to every one entitled to use the Library; and they shall take out no book in the name of any person, without presenting the proper card.

Article XXIV. All persons regularly employed in the Library shall be entitled to holidays equal to eighteen working days besides the five legal holidays, in the course of every year; the same to be so arranged with the Librarian as to be taken at times when they will least interfere with the regular work of the institution. Provided, however, that each and every absence, from any cause, of any person so employed shall be taken into the account when said absences shall be found so considerable as properly to enter into the amount of the holidays to be granted, or of their compensation. Each case of absence over four weeks shall be reported to the Board.

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Article XXV. Nominations to permanent positions in the different departments of the Library, together with the statement of the compensation proposed, shall be made to the Trustees in writing by the appropriate Committee, and no person shall be appointed to any such position in the Library except on vote of the Trustees.

Article XXVI. All records, papers and documents relating to the affairs of the Library shall be kept in such places of deposit as shall be accessible to the Board of Trustees. An alphabetical record of all persons entering their names for the purpose of drawing books from the Library shall be kept; the residence of each individual being inserted against the name.

Article XXVII. These By-Laws may be suspended at any meeting of the Board by unanimous consent; but no motion for altering or amending shall be acted upon until the next meeting after it has been submitted in writing to the Board.

West Roxbury.

Mr. Chase for the Committee to whom was referred the subject of deliveries in West Roxbury reported that it seemed inexpedient at present to establish such deliveries.

The Superintendent's Monthly

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report for March was presented.

The President of the Board of Trustees the chairman of the Committee on Finance and Mr. Chase were appointed a special committee to report on salaries at the next meeting.

Salaries.

Adjourned at 5.15

Samuel A. Green,
Clerk.

Tuesday, April 16, 1878.

A regular meeting of the Corporation was held in the Library at 3.30 P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Thomas, Bothingham, Lewis, Shepard, Chase and Green.

The President, Mr. Greenough, took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Salaries.

The special Committee to whom was referred at the last meeting the question of salaries for the year 1878-9, reported the pay-roll as follows:-

Central Library.

J. L. Whitney	2500.
F. B. Perkins.	1600.
Edw. Tiffany.	1500.
Wm. H. Foster.	1700.
James M. Hubbard.	1600.
J. F. Barrett.	1500.
A. M. Knapp.	1600.
Wm. E. Ford	1500.
C. A. Welson	1100.
E. Bradshaw	1100

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A. P. C. Griffin	$1100.
Wm. F. Robinson.	900.
Thomas Collins.	800.
H. N. Pike	750.
Adelaide A. Nichols.	750.
Harriet E. Green.	750.
Anna C. D. Keen.	650.
Annie F. Call	650.
Caroline E. Foree	600.
Alice M. Foree	500.
Mary A. McGrath	600.
Lydia F. Knowles.	600.
Mrs. S. A. Joslyn.	600.
Emily C. Osgood.	600.
Josephine Hewins	600.
Eliz. T. Reed.	550.
Jerry Sullivan	520.
Adeline S. Baylies	500.
Mary F. Osgood	500.
Louise Hewins.	500.
Sarah A. Mack	500.
Eliz. J. Mack	500.
Lizzie Ross.	450.
Thomas Whyte	350.
Wm. Hanna.	300.
H. B. Ross.	300.
Ellen E. Brennahan	350.
Annie M. Kennedy	400.
E. Fannie McCarty	312.
Ella R. Dillon	208.
Ella Sturmy	260.
Richard Ray.	260.
Thomas Driver	182.
Henry F. Barrett	182.
Samuel McConnell	182.
Arthur L. Knight.	182.
Harry Rawlins	182

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Robt. Donovan	182.	
Albert Carter.	182.	
Frank C. Blaisdell.	260.	
Wm. M. L. Young.	182.	
John M. Bartol	182.	
Amelia McGrath.	156.	
Catherine McGrath.	156.	
Annie G. Shea.	156.	
Maggie Donovan.	156.	
Mary Connor	156.	
Mary Burke.	156.	
Mary A. Sheridan.	208.	
Margaret Doyle	260.	36030
Mrs. R. Eastman 45¢ per hr.		36030
Hannah Clifford 8¢ " "		
Maggie Clifford 8¢ " "		
Florence Richards 8¢ " "		

Bindery

36030

F. P. Hathaway.	1200.	
J. R. Beckett.	1050.	
A. M. Blake.	1000.	
Romeo Cervi.	1000.	
Michael Healy.	1000.	
James Pendergast.	936.	
Edw. Roe.	780.	
Mary E. Austin	494.	
Martha Wheeler.	494.	
S. E. Bowen.	416.	
Mary Moriarty	468.	
Kate Reilly.	364.	
Frank H. Thomas.	260.	7462
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East Boston.

S. C. Godbold.	700.	
Mary R. Pray.	500.	

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A. M. Wing	500.	
M. E. Cathcart	350.	
Geo. H. Hosea	600.	2650
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South Boston.

Alice J. Bragdon.	700.	
Emma Davis.	500.	
E. A. Eaton.	500.	
Honora McCarty.	450.	
Joseph Baker.	600.	2750
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Roxbury.

Sarah Bunker.	600.	
M. Bradley.	500.	
Dora Puffer.	350.	
Helen M. Bell.	350.	
Maggie E. Blood.	208.	
Charles R. Curtis	700.	2708
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Charlestown

C. S. Carter	1000.	
Susan Edwards.	500.	
Annie E. Eberle.	500.	
Lilian Davis.	182.	
Thomas E. Smith	600.	2782
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Brighton.

Mary E. Brock.	500.	
Bridget Grailey.	182.	
Jas. M. Brock.	500.	1182
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Dorchester.

Mary G. Coffin	600.	
Esther Whiton	500.	
Jennie Sheridan	400.	
Edw. Davenport.	540.	2040
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Lower Mills.

M. A. Hill. 125
5729

South End. 5729

Milton Austin. 650.
Mary A. Jenkins. 400.
Maude Morse. 260. 1310
6039
Wm. M. Dudley 156

Jamaica Plain. 6039

Mrs. E. R. Davis 500.
Anna J. Barton. 500.
H. A. Johnson. 300.
Timothy Johnson. 400. 1700
6739

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury May 1, 1878, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $9004.88. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5205.45 is hereby specially approved.

Ordered. That the pay-roll for the Jamaica Plain Branch amounting to $148.85 is hereby specially approved.

The Committee on Building and Grounds were authorized to put up a telephone between the Library Building and City Hall at an expense not to exceed $75.

Injury to bindings.

Some conversation was then had upon the bad condition of the binding of many books in the upper part of Bates Hall, and on motion of Mr. Lewis the Committee on Building and Grounds were directed to report upon the best course that the trustees can take to prevent the consequences arising from the serious and continual decay of the covers of many books each year.

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Ordered. That the President name a chairman of the Examining Committee for the year, whereupon the president named Mr. Lewis.

The president reported the following names as nominations for the Examining Committee, and they were appointed.

Rev. Henry W. Foote
Robert M. Morse Jr. Esq.
J. Collins Warren M. D.
John Boyle O'Reilly Esq.
William Endicott Jr. Esq.

And the following were appointed as substitutes:-

Rev. W. H. Cudworth
O. W. Holmes Jr. Esq.
B. E. Cotting M. D.
Homer B. Sprague Esq.
James F. Hunnewell Esq.

Dissolved at 6 o'clock P. M.

Samuel A. Green,
Clerk.

April 23, 1878.

A meeting of the Corporation was held in the Library at 3.30 P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Chase, Lewis, Thomas, Rothingham, Shepard and Green.

Mr. Greenough, the president took the chair.

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Building and Grounds reported that he had made

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Telephone.

the necessary arrangements with regard to connecting the Library by telephone with the office of Messrs Rockwell and Churchill, of the school board and the city hall, Messrs Stearns and George having engaged to make said connections for the sum of seventy dollars ($70).

Special Requisitions.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to sign a special requisition upon the City Treasurer for $1113.50 in behalf of the Jamaica Plain Branch of the Public Library.

Ordered. That the President be requested to sign a special requisition upon the City Treasurer for the sum of $1341.65 the same being to cover accounts due Messrs Lee & Shepard, for books for South End Branch ($563.32), and Messrs Rockwell & Churchill for printing bills to date ($778.33).

Ordered. That the City Treasurer be requested to transmit in sterling to Messrs Baring Bros. Co. the sum of $419.79 the same being the balance of the appropriation for Jamaica Plain Branch.

Messrs Baring Bros.

Ordered. That the City Treasurer be requested to transmit in sterling to Messrs Baring Bros. Co. to be placed to the credit of the Trustees, the sum of $8249.57 being the balance for 1878 of the funds in his hands belonging to the Library.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was

City Auditor &c.

Ordered. That the City Auditor be requested to transfer to the City Treasurer all certificates, bonds, and other property belonging to the Public Library now in his possession.

Bowditch Library.

A communication was read from Messrs J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Henry I. Bowditch and William I. Bowditch sons of the late Nathaniel Bowditch calling the attention of the Board to the bad condition of the bindings in the Bowditch Library, and recommending "that a scientific commission should be at once appointed to investigate the cause or causes of this destruction".

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Injury to bindings.

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Building and Grounds, to whom was referred at the last meeting the question of injury to the bindings of books in Bates Hall made a written report which was accepted and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Thomas the President was authorized to appoint a committee of three competent men to investigate the question involved in the communication received from the Messrs Bowditch.

At 5.10 the meeting dissolved.

Samuel A. Green,
Clerk.

Monday, May 6, 1878.

Meeting for Organization

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 o'clock A. M., in conformity with the following notice.

May 3, 1878.

Sir,-

You will please attend a meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library on Monday the 6th inst. at 10 A. M., to be held for the purpose of organizing under the Act of Incorporation of April 4th, 1878.

Respectfully y'rs
Wm. B. Greenough
one of the Trustees.

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Present Messrs Greenough, Clark, Lewis, Chase, Frothingham and Shepard.

Charles P. Greenough appeared and took the chair for the purpose of organizing the Board.

The following communications from the City Clerk were read, -

Trustees appointed.

April 29, 1878.

This is to certify

That agreeably to the provisions of Chapter 114 of the Acts of 1878, the following persons have been duly appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by concurrent vote of the City Council Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston for the terms set to their respective names, viz. -

William W. Greenough for five years, from the first Monday of May 1878.
James Freeman Clarke, for four years from said date.
Weston Lewis " three " " " "
George B. Chase " two " " " "
Richard Frothingham " one " " " "

Attest
S. F. McCleary
City Clerk.

May 2d, 1878

This is to certify

That Alderman Curtis Guild and Councilman Harvey N. Shepard have been duly elected by concurrent vote Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, on the part of the City Council.

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S. M. McCleary
City Clerk.

Samuel A. Green elected Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Chase seconded by Mr. Lewis it was voted to proceed to the election of a clerk, whereupon ballots being given in it appeared that Samuel A. Green was unanimously chosen.

Mr. Charles P. Greenough administered the following oath

Suffolk ss.

Boston, May 6, 1878.

Then personally appeared the above named Samuel A. Green and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of clerk of the corporation.

Before me
Charles Pelham Greenough
Justice of the Peace.

Wm. W. Greenough elected President.

On motion of Mr. Lewis seconded by Mr. Chase it was voted to proceed to the election of a president. Whereupon ballots being given in it appeared that William W. Greenough was unanimously chosen.

On motion of Mr. Lewis seconded by Mr. Frothingham it was

By-Laws.

Ordered. That the By-Laws and Regulations be provisionly adopted.

Ordered. That Messrs Greenough, Chase and Lewis be appointed a committee to revise the existing By-Laws.

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Trustee Meetings.

Ordered. That the regular meetings of the Corporation be held on the Tuesday preceding the 20th of each month at 3 o'clock P. M.

Henry F. Barrett.

Ordered. That Henry F. Barrett be appointed runner in Bates Hall at the rate of $182 per annum from April 26.

Helen M. Bell.

Ordered. That Miss Helen M. Bell be appointed assistant in the Roxbury Branch at the rate of $350 per annum from May 1, 1878

Letter from Prof. Gibbs.

A letter from Prof. Wolcott Gibbs was read, in reply to a request from the President that he would examine the injuries to bindings in the Library, giving his opinion that they were due to the bad ventilation of the Library building.

The letter was placed on file and the President requested to convey the thanks of the Trustees to Prof. Gibbs for his prompt attention to their request.

On motion of Mr. Chase seconded by Mr. Shepard it was

Want of Ventilation in the Library.

Voted:- That the memorial of the sons of the late Nathaniel Bowditch together with the letter of Prof. Wolcott Gibbs in relation to the ventilation of the Library be transmitted to the City Council, and that the President be instructed to communicate to the City Council the unanimous opinion of the Board that there exists a pressing necessity for relief from the serious evils of the bad ventilation in the Central Library.

It was also

Voted:- That a copy of Prof. Gibbs's letter be sent to the Messrs Bowditch

Voted:- That Samuel A. Green be chosen Acting Librarian.

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Reading Room Roxbury Br.

The question of closing the Reading Room of the Roxbury Branch at 7 o'clock P. M. was brought up and referred to Mr. Chase, chairman of the Committee on that Branch.

Mr. Frothingham spoke of the necessity of additional shelving at the Charlestown Branch, but action on the matter was deferred until the appointment of the Branch Committee.

Mr. Frothingham presented a list of books desired at the Charlestown Branch, which was referred to the Committee on books, to be appointed.

At 11.15 the meeting dissolved.

Samuel A. Green,
Clerk.

Tuesday, May 14, 1878.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Clarke, Chase, Frothingham and Lewis.

Mr. Greenough, the president, took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Mr. Chase for the Committee to whom was referred the revision of the By-Laws reported the first eleven articles; which were accepted, as follows:—

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By-Laws.

Article I. Stated meetings of the Corporation shall be held at least once in each month, at such times as may be determined, the Clerk sending at least one day's notice of each meeting to each member.

Article II. Special meetings may be called by the Clerk in the same manner at any time at the request of the President, or any two Trustees.

Article III. Three Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

Article IV. Any question before the Trustees shall be taken by yeas and nays, if demanded.

Article V. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the Corporation; to receive from the City Treasurer and pay over to the City Collector the income from the Trust Funds; to sign all drafts for moneys upon the City Treasury; to appoint the Standing Committees, of which he shall be a member, ex officio; to prepare the Annual Report of the Trustees; and to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the institution.

Article VI. The Standing Committees of the Corporation shall be four in number, of three members each, other than the President.

Article VII. The Committee on Administration shall have control of the following matters:—

1st. The furniture, fixtures, care, ventilation, repair, alterations, heating and lighting of the building and the care of the books and grounds.

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2d. The arrangements for the circulation and use of books in Bates Hall; for the registration of names; for the treatment of delinquents; for the correction of any abuses of the Library privileges; for the preparation of the statistics of circulation; and for the needful examinations of the Library.

3d. The acceptance and care of all works of art.

4th. The nomination and duties of all attendants connected with Bates Hall and with the department of registry.

5th. The approval of expenditures not exceeding five hundred dollars in one bill or contract.

Article VIII. The Committee on Books and Catalogues shall have control of the following matters:—

1st. The selection, purchase, and binding of books and periodicals; the disposition of duplicates; the acceptance and acknowledgment of books given. They shall secure an equivalent in other books for all gifts of books exchanged, unless the giver consent in writing to a different disposition. No books shall be bought or ordered except under and in conformity with the regulations of the committee.

2d. The preparation, printing and distribution of all catalogues, and of all printing required by the Library. They shall twice in each year report to the Trustees the number of the various catalogues and finding lists on hand, and the number of bound catalogues distributed by gift or sale since the last report.

3d. The nominations and duties of all attendants in the departments covered by their supervision.

Article IX. The Committee on Finance shall have control of the following matters:—

1st. The accounts and insurance of the Library; the expenditure of income both from Trust Funds and appropriations. The Committee shall

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report semi-annually upon the condition of the Trust Fund accounts.

2d. The salaries on the pay-roll. The Committee shall annually report to the Trustees, in conformity with the Ordinance, the pay-roll proposed for the year.

3d. The nominations, duties, and absences of the Library Auditor, whose accounts shall accurately show the expenditures from the city appropriations and from the income of each of the Trust Funds, each fund being carefully credited with the value of all books purchased therewith.

4th. This Committee shall present, at the meeting next previous to the 20th of each month, the requisitions upon the City Treasurer for expenditures which have been authenticated by the Librarian; and, if these or other bills are allowed by the Trustees, the President shall sign a warrant for the payment of the same; and no money shall be drawn from the City Treasury unless upon a similar warrant. All remittances upon foreign account, and credits open with the agents of the Library abroad shall in each case require a special vote of the Corporation.

5th. This Committee shall also have control of all receipts and expenditures of money not otherwise provided for; they shall provide for the collection of fines and the payment of them into the City Treasury.

Article X. The Committee on Branch Libraries shall have control of the following matters:-

1st. The nomination and assignment to duty of the Librarian and other attendants of the Lower Hall and of each Branch of the Library.

2d. The uniform discipline and management of the Lower Hall and of each Branch so far as such matters are not otherwise specifically provided

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for.

The Committee shall carefully observe the character of books called for in the Lower Hall and at each Branch of the Library. They shall be an advisory body to consult upon and report to the Trustees such measures as will promote good order and good reading.

Article XI. The Order of Business at the stated meetings of the Corporation shall be as follows:-

1st. Reading of the Record of Proceedings of the previous meeting.

2d. Business required by the City Ordinances in relation to the Public Library, and communications from any Branch of the City government.

3d. Unfinished business.

4th. Reports from Standing Committees.

5th. Reports from Special Committees.

6th. Correspondence.

7th. Report from Librarian.

8th. Motions, orders, resolutions, or other business.

Standing Committees

The President appointed the following Standing Committees for the year:-

Administration.
Messrs Chase, Frothingham, Shepard.

Books and Catalogues.
Messrs Frothingham, Clarke, Guild.

Branches.
Messrs Clarke, Lewis, Chase.

Finance
Messrs Lewis, Guild, Shepard.

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Mr. Lewis for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury June 1, 1878, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $8436.56. The bills having been examined were accepted by the Board.

Ordered, That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5538.79 is hereby specially approved.

Mr. Lewis for the Committee on Finance made the following report upon the Trust Funds

Funds	Amounts.	Interest incl. bal. brot for fr previous year.	Expended	Unexpended	Overexpended.
Bates.	$50,000	$1189.89	2526.19	$	$1336.30
Bigelow.	1,000	241.46	476.48		235.02
Franklin Club.	1,000	27.17	34.09		6.92
Lawrence	10,000	248.35	949.38		701.03
Phillips	30,000	1102.06	1451.91		349.85
Townsend.	4,000	1128.00	145.17	982.83	
Ticknor.	4,000	759.41	901.46		142.05
Pierce.	5,000	1162.50	250.34	912.16	
Harris.	10,000	391.67	64.25	327.42	
Dorchester	335.13				
	115,335.13	6250.51	6799.27	2222.41	2771.17

Dorchester Trust Fund.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, the question of the use to be made of the Dorchester Trust Fund was referred to the Committee on Books to consider and report.

Fellowes Athenaeum - Repairs

A communication was received from the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum offering to pay $125 out of $200 which would be the cost of repairs necessary in the janitor's department of the Roxbury Branch, and giving items of expense in said repairs.

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Catalogues for Branches.

The subject of Catalogues for the East Boston, South Boston and Charlestown branches was brought up and referred to the Committee on Books.

A petition was received from about 800 residents of the South End requesting a catalogue for their branch library, and referred to the Committee on Books.

List of Periodicals.

The President read a letter from Mr. Winsor, Librarian of Harvard University, asking that the Public Library would join in a plan of printing a complete list of periodicals, serials, publications of learned societies etc. taken by the Libraries of Harvard University; the Boston Athenaeum; American Academy; Natural History Society; Social Law Library and Boston Public Library. The letter was referred to the Committee on Books.

Mr. Whitmore

Ordered, That Mr. W. H. Whitmore's request for the 28 Volume of the Boston Records be granted.

Bindery.

On motion of Mr. Lewis the Committee on Administration were requested to consider the expediency of increasing the accomodations of the Bindery and to report thereon.

Dr. Green presented the Superintendent's monthly report for April.

At 5.30 dissolved.

Samuel A. Green,
Clerk

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Friday, May 31, 1878.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Frothingham, Clarke and Chase.

The President, Mr. Greenough, took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Charlestown Changes.

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Administration reported that they had considered the plan for the improved arrangement of the Charlestown Branch and on motion of Mr. Frothingham it was.

Ordered. That the Committee on Administration be authorized to make the necessary changes at the Charlestown Branch in accordance with the plan proposed, at an expense not to exceed $200.

Telephone

The same Committee suggested an independent telephone for the Library in order that the bells of the telephone should not be disturbed by calls from various other public offices, and the matter was referred back to the Committee.

Bindery Enlargement.

Mr. Chase also submitted in behalf of the Committee on Administration a plan for the enlargement of the bindery which was accepted and the Clerk was directed to inform the Joint Committee of the City Council on Public Buildings of the approval by the Trustees of the proposed plan.

Mr. Frothingham, chairman of the Committee on Books reported for that Committee the following orders.

Petition for Catalogue at South End.

Ordered, That the Trustees have considered the petition of inhabitants of the South End requesting a printed catalogue of their branch library and would be exceedingly happy to comply but are sorry to say that the means in their hands at present will not enable them to do so. If the city can be induced to furnish further funds the Board would be pleased to comply with the petition.

Dor. & Milton Cir. Lib'y.

Ordered, That the sum of $335.13 the amount paid into the City Treasury by the Dorchester and Milton circulating library June 15, 1876, be used for the benefit of the Dorchester Branch, agreeably to the conditions expressed in Mr. Greenough's acknowledgement of June 21, 1876, under the direction of the Committee on Books.

Periodical Catalogue.

Ordered, That the Board of Trustees agree to the proposition brought forward by Mr. Winsor, that this Library should unite with other libraries and societies in publishing a catalogue of periodicals and serials taken by this and other libraries and societies in this immediate vicinity.

E. B. Br. Catalogue.

Ordered, That the printing of the East Boston Branch Catalogue be at once proceeded with.

S. B. Br. Catalogue.

Ordered, That the printing of the South Boston Branch Catalogue be proceeded with as soon as suitable arrangements can be made.

Dr. Cartée to have an assistant.

Ordered, That Dr. Cartée be authorized to engage Mrs. Root as an assistant for the purpose of cataloguing the books in the Charlestown Branch at an expense not exceeding $250.

The foregoing orders of the Committee on Books were passed.

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Mr. Chase, for the Committee to whom was referred the revision of the By-Laws reported the remaining, By-Laws from 12 to 21 inclusive, from the last meeting which were as follows:-

By-Laws.

Article XII. A list of all the subjects referred to Committees of the Trustees, with the dates of reference, shall be kept by the Clerk.

Article XIII. No book, pamphlet, or other publication shall be received at the Library on deposit, or for show or distribution, nor shall any subscription paper for any purpose whatsoever be placed therein except by vote of the Trustees.

Article XIV. The Librarian shall, under the Trustees have the general charge of the institution, and of the persons employed in it, and shall be responsible for its correct management, for the due preservation of its property, and for the observance of proper order and quiet throughout the Library buildings; and to this end he shall make any written orders he may deem necessary, not inconsistent with the provisions of these By-Laws, nor with the Regulations; but subject to the approval of the Trustees at the next meeting.

He shall promptly report all flagrant cases of theft, or injury to books and periodicals.

He shall act as Clerk of the Corporation and keep their records and files.

He shall from time to time advise the Trustees, in writing, of any change he may deem desirable in the institution or in the details of administration.

He shall, at the close of each Library year, report to the Trustees, in writing, whatever may relate to the condition and increase of the whole establishment, and whatever in his judgment may extend its usefulness.

He shall prepare a monthly report in print covering—

1st. The use of each division of the Library not previously reported.

2d. The number of volumes, pamphlets, etc., entered upon the accession slips, divided under gifts, purchases, and exchanges; and the number of volumes added to the several departments of the Central Library, and to the branches.

3d. Any changes that may have occurred among persons employed in the Library.

4th. The number of persons who, by their signatures, have applied for the right to draw books from the Library.

5th. The number of "books recommended," and the number of such ordered.

6th. The number of books that have been lent from each division of the Library, and not duly returned, from the beginning of the library year, as well as since the last monthly report; — the sums of money received within the month from fines for detention of books, and from sales of Catalogues, and the amounts of these sums for the year.

7th. Such matters of general interest concerning the institution as may be communicated to the public.

He shall see that no book is placed on the shelves of the Library until such entries be recorded as will ensure a correct correspondence with the order book, bill or invoice, and the proper assignment to fund or appropriation.

He shall cause an entry of all books, purchased or given, to be made on the accession slips, bulletin and shelf lists, and when desirable an accurate collation; and, further, the attachment to each volume of the accession marks, stamp, plate, rules, and shelf-label. He shall see that each book is catalogued and placed in the Library, and if necessary,

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is stamped, bound, or covered. He shall have a record made of the cost and addition of all duplicates not intended for the shelf, and, if bought, of the fund or appropriation to which they are credited.

Article XV. The Principal Assistant Librarian shall have charge of the Catalogue Department, and shall, in consultation with the Librarian, determine the methods and distribution of the work of his department, and, in consultation with the Book Committee, the form of each catalogue.

In the absence of the Librarian, he shall attend to such details of administration, enumerated in Article XIV, as apply to the daily work of the Library.

The Assistant Librarians may have special duties assigned them either in the Catalogue Department, or in the general service of the Institution.

Article XVI. The Register shall assist the Librarian in the executive details of his office, and perform such other duties as the Trustees or the Librarian may direct.

He shall keep such records and memoranda as may be assigned to him. He shall have special charge of the roll of persons employed in the Library, and shall note all absences and irregularities of attendance.

He shall register all complaints and delinquences, all infractions of rules, and shall prepare notes upon such other matters as form parts of the regular reports of the Librarian.

He shall assist in the preparation of the quarterly bulletins, and, when not otherwise occupied, in the Catalogue Department.

Article XVII. The Inspector of Circulation shall have the general oversight of the Lower Hall, and the rooms adjacent thereto, and of the attendants therein.

He shall, before noon, on appointed days of the week, visit the Branches successively in turn.

He shall be found in the Lower Hall on each week-day after one o'clock.

He shall keep full statistics, corrected to the first day of each month, of the Libraries under his supervision. He shall observe and report to the Librarian on the character of their circulation, classifying, as far as practicable, the fiction; he shall report the number of books in each of their separate departments, and call especial attention to desirable or superfluous volumes.

He shall advise visitors and readers concerning the books and subjects on which information is sought, and shall investigate their complaints. He shall carefully study the relations of the popular branches of the Library to the public at large.

He shall perform such other duties in connection with these departments as may be assigned him by the Trustees.

Article XVIII. The Librarian of the Lower Hall shall, under the Inspector, have charge of the Lower Hall Library, Reading Room, and Fine Arts Room, and shall preserve order in them; he shall also render such other assistance in the service of the Library as shall be assigned him by the Trustees or the Librarian.

He must always be present in the Lower Hall, when open to the public, either in person or by such representative as the Librarian may approve.

Article XIX. The Auditor shall examine and audit all bills and accounts due from the Library, the record of receipts from fines, sales of Catalogues and other sources, and shall prepare the monthly requisition upon the City Auditor. This officer shall perform such other duties as the Trustees or Librarian may direct.

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Article XX. The Librarian's Secretary shall have charge of the Trustees' room, and of the books, pamphlets, and documents kept therein, and shall discharge such other duties in attendance upon the Trustees and the Librarian as may be assigned.

Article XXI. The Janitor, with his family, shall live in the rooms provided for him in the Central Library building. He shall be the messenger of the Trustees and of the Librarian, as well as for the general Library service. He shall open all boxes and packages of books, and place the books where required. He shall carefully guard the property of the institution from loss or injury, and shall personally see that the iron window shutters are closed during the night and in times of danger. He shall have the immediate charge of the grounds and of cleaning, heating, and lighting the building. He shall open and shut the Library each day, and shall perform such other duties as the Trustees or the Librarian may, from time to time, deem proper.

Article XXII, The time of all persons employed in the Library should always be occupied in its service. All persons, therefore, so employed must be at their posts promptly every morning when the Library opens, and remain there during the hours of their regular duty.

They will observe the following rules:-

1st. They shall admit no visitors within the railings, without the leave of the Librarian or his representative. They shall not deliver books, either for home use or for use in the building, to any person not presenting the proper card, or giving the proper receipt therefor.

2d. They shall report to the Librarian in writing, all cases of loss or injury of books, or periodicals that may have come to their knowledge, and all infractions by visitors of the rules of the Library.

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3d. They shall, in their several lines of duty, enforce the same regulations upon the Library attendants who borrow books as upon the public at large, except that they shall not lend a new book to any attendant until two months after its addition to the Library, without special permission of the Librarian.

Attendants shall never take a book from the place assigned it on the shelves unless in the line of their prescribed duties.

4th. They shall show no partiality for any persons, by giving them advantages in the use of books or periodicals, not accorded to every one entitled to use the Library; and they shall take out no book in the name of any person without presenting the proper card.

Librarians and heads of departments must enforce these rules.

Article XXIII, All persons regularly employed in the Library shall be entitled to a vacation of eighteen days in the course of every year, besides the five holidays established by the Commonwealth; but no vacation shall be granted to any person until after a period of six months' service. The Librarian will in the case of each person, so arrange these days as to interfere as little as possible with the work of the institution. Provided, however, that if the aggregate of absences on account of illness of any person so employed exceed two weeks, no compensation beyond that time shall be payed without special vote of the Board.

Article XXIV. Nominations to permanent positions in the different departments of the Library, together with the statement of the compensation proposed shall be made to the Trustees in writing by the appropriate Committee, and no person shall be appointed to any such position in the Library except on vote of the Trustees.

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Article XXV, All records, papers, and documents relating to the affairs of the Library shall be kept in such places of deposit as shall be accessible to the Trustees. An alphabetical record of all persons who enter their names for the purpose of drawing books from the Library shall be kept; and the residence of each individual shall be inserted against his or her name.

Article XXVI. These By-Laws may be suspended at any meeting of the Trustees by unanimous consent; but no motion to alter or amend them shall be acted upon until the next meeting after such motion has been submitted in writing to the Trustees.

Lindsay Swift.

Ordered. That Lindsay Swift be appointed assistant in the cataloguing department at the rate of $600 per annum.

Richard Payne.

Ordered. That Richard S. Payne be appointed runner in the ordering department at the rate of $182 per annum.

At 4.20 the meeting adjourned to Wednesday June 5, at 3 P. M.

Samuel A. Green,
Clerk.

June 5, 1878.

Wednesday, June 5, 1878.

The Trustees met in the Library at 3 P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Frothingham, Clarke, Chase and Lewis.

The President, Mr. Greenough, took the chair.

The reading of the records was omitted.

Mr. Chase for the Committee to whom was referred the revision of the Rules and Regulations reported the changes.

Bates Hall. open 9-7.

Mr. Lewis gave notice that he should offer at the September meeting a motion that Bates Hall be kept open from 9 A. M. to 7 P. M. throughout the year.

Esther M. Hinckley.

Ordered. That Esther M. Hinckley be employed on and after May 28, as assistant at the South End Branch from 4 P. M. until the Library closes, at the rate of $182 per annum.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was

R. R. at So. B.

Voted, That the Reading Room at the South Boston Branch be shut at 8 P. M. from June 1 to Sept. 1.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was

Nom. of Libr'n

Voted, That a Committee consisting of the President and two members of the Board be appointed to consider the nomination of a Librarian.

The President appointed Dr. Clarke and Mr. Chase.

Samuel A. Green,
Clerk.

June 18, 1878.

Tuesday, June 18, 1878.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Chase, and Lewis.

The President, Mr. Greenough, took the chair.

The records of the last two meetings were read and accepted.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury July 1, 1878, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $8780.73. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay. roll included in the requisition amounting to $5586.11 is hereby specially approved.

Ordered. That Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. be requested to place with their agent in Florence the sum of fifty pounds sterling (£50) to the credit of Professor Eugenio Albiri

Ida Sampson.

Ordered. That Miss Ida Sampson be appointed on regular service at the South Boston Branch at the rate of $350 per annum on and after June 1, 1878.

Librarian.

Mr. Greenough for the Committee appointed to consider the nomination of a Librarian made a report and asked for further time, whereupon it was moved by Mr. Lewis that the next meeting of the Board take place one week from today to consider the question

Letter from Mr. Eliot

The following letter from Mr. Samuel Eliot, Superintendent of Public Schools, and others was received and referred to the Committee on Books with directions to invite a conference at an early day.

June 11, 1878.

To the Trustees of the Public Library.

Gentlemen,

We address you on the part of the Principals of the Public Schools. They find that many of their pupils are in the habit of taking from the Library and its branches books unfit for them to read, such as Fielding's and Smollett's novels, and a great variety of low-toned sensational stories. It is unnecessary for us to explain to you the great injury which follows, not only to the studies, but to the characters and lives of these children. We therefore respectfully ask you, 1st, to prevent the circulation of such books as the above from the Public Library among the young people of Boston, and 2d, to unite with us and the Principals we represent, in encouraging the circulation of good books by means of lists prepared and distributed for the special use of the pupils of the Public Schools.

In this way, the Library will be, what it has often been described as being, the chief of our educational institutions.

Respectfully yours.

Sam'l Eliot, Superintendent
John Lotton, Master Girls Latin School
Elbridge Smith Master Dor. High School
Benj. F. Reed. Supervisor
Henry C. Hardon, Master Shurtleff Sch'l
Committee of Principals of Public Schools.

Dr. Green presented the Librarian's Monthly Report

Adjourned at 4.25

Samuel A. Green, Clerk.

July 2, 1878

Tuesday, July 2, 1878.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 3 o'clock P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Frothingham, Chase, Lewis and Shepard.

The president took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Examining Committee.

Mr. Lewis, chairman of the Examining Committee presented the report of that Committee, written by Mr. Cudworth, which was accepted.

Nomination of Librarian.

Mr. Greenough made a verbal report for the Committee to whom was referred the nomination of a librarian, whereupon it was

Voted, that he be authorized to confer with the gentlemen named for the position.

Conference Mr. Eliot &c. postponed.

A letter was received from Mr. Samuel Eliot, Superintendent of Public Schools, asking that the proposed conference of the Committee on Books with the Committee of Principals of Public Schools be postponed till September.

Annual Report.

On motion of Mr. Frothingham the President was authorized to present his Annual Report in print.

At 3.45 dissolved.

Samuel A. Green,
Clerk.

Tuesday, July 16, 1878. July 16, 1878.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 3 o'clock P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Clarke and Lewis.

The president, Mr. Greenough, took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Librarian.

The president reported that he had received letters from the gentlemen alluded to in the records of the last meeting, and they both declined the position of librarian. Whereupon on motion of Mr. Lewis it was.

Voted, - That the special committee on the appointment of a librarian be authorized to appoint one of the present staff of the library as temporary acting librarian.

Letter from Mr. Griffin.

The president read a letter from Mr. Griffin, custodian of the shelves, with regard to the preservation of books in the library, which was referred to the Committee on Administration.

Branches closed at 7 P.M.

Voted, That all the Branches with the exception of Brighton, be shut at 7 P.M., not including Saturday evenings, during July and August.

Dor. Trust Fund

The Committee on Books to whom was referred at the meeting of May 14, the question of the use to be made of the Dorchester Trust Fund, reported, whereupon it was

Voted, - That the Book Committee be authorized

July 16, 1878 to expend for the benifit of the Dorchester Branch the sum of $335.13, now on deposit for that purpose in the City Treasury.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury August 1, 1878, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $9043.62. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered, - That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5423.17 is hereby specially approved.

Mr. Greenough presented his Annual Report in print.

Dr. Green presented the Librarian's Monthly report.

At 4 P.M. the meeting dissolved.

Samuel A. Green,
Clerk.

Tuesday, August 13, 1878.

The Board of Trustees met in the Library at 3 o'clock P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Frothingham and Lewis.

The president, Mr. Greenough, took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

South Boston Branch. Alterations.

The following communication was received from the City Hall relating to the South Boston Branch:-

City of Boston.
In Board of Aldermen, July 29, 1878.
Ordered.

That the Committee on Public Buildings be authorized to hire for a term of ten years, rooms in the South Boston Savings Bank building corner of Broadway and E street, for the use of the Public Library, South Boston Branch, at an expense not exceeding the sum of Three Thousand Dollars per year, to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings.

Passed in Common Council.
Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.
Approved by the Mayor. July 31, 1878.

A true copy.
Attest: John T. Priest, Asst City Clerk.

Mr. Greenough reported that he had visited the South Boston Branch and that the alterations were making.

Aug. 13, 1878.

Mr. Greenough also reported that since the last meeting intelligence had been received of the death of Signor Eugénio Albéri, the Library's agent at Florence, and that the orders in his hands still unexecuted would be carried out by his daughter Signorina Albéri

Death of Signor Albéri.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Sept. 1, 1878, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $8809.90. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to $5536.80 is hereby specially approved.

Mr. Lewis reported the following order

Signorina Albéri.

Ordered, That Messrs Baring Bros & Co. be requested to instruct Messrs Fenzi & Co. of Florence to transfer to the credit of Signorina Giulia Albéri the moneys passed to the credit of the Library and not yet drawn by Signor Eugénio Albéri.

Painting by Henry Holmes Esq.

The president laid before the Trustees a gift from Mr. Henry Holmes of a water color painting made by him of the old building corner of Moon and Suncourt Streets, Boston, and a vote of thanks was passed for the same.

Wm. J. Cable.

Ordered, that William J. Cable be appointed runner in Bates Hall at the rate of $182 per annum, on and after August 10, 1878.

Aug. 26, 1878.

The Librarian's Monthly Report was laid on the table.

The Annual Report for the year ending April 30, 1878, was presented.

At 3.50 the meeting dissolved.

Samuel A. Green.
Clerk.

Monday, August 26, 1878.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Lewis and Frothingham.

Mr. Greenough, the president, took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Mellen Chamberlain appointed Librarian.

The president for the Committee on nominating a librarian reported the name of the Honorable Mellen Chamberlain which was accepted. The president stated that he was authorized to say that Alderman Guild, absent, approved of the nomination, and a note was received from Mr. Shepard expressing the same opinion. Whereupon ballots being given in it appeared that Judge Chamberlain was unanimously chosen librarian.

Salary of Librarian.

On motion of Mr. Lewis for the Finance Committee the salary for the first year was fixed at $3500.

August 26, 1878.

The president reported that he had carefully examined the Medlicott Catalogue and had selected a considerable number of books needed by the Library.

Medlicott Library.

On motion of Mr. Lewis for the Committee on Finance it was

Medlicott Library.

Ordered, That the President be authorized to draw upon Meyers Baring Bros. & Co. payable to the order of Mr. Medlicott for a sum not to exceed Two hundred and fifty pounds (£250) in payment for books purchased.

Index of Laws and Debates.

Ordered, - That the President be authorized to consider the proposal of Mr. A. R. Spofford, Librarian of Congress to include in his proposed alphabetical Index of Laws and Debates the indexed catalogue of the contents of the Congressional Documents belonging to this library - upon such conditions as may insure the safety of the property and a return to the Library of a sufficient number of copies printed in proportion to the contribution.

Dr. Green read the following note from Mr. Greenough, president of the Board,

13th Aug. 1878.

Chair made from Old Elm presented by W. W. Greenough.

To the
Trustees of the Public Library.

It gives me much pleasure to offer for the acceptance of the Board an arm chair made of wood from the Old Elm Tree on Boston Common. It would be agreeable to me if the Trustees should think proper to devote it to the use of the President of the Board for the time being, and that it may be preserved for that purpose so long as it

is fitting. With my best wishes for the continued prosperity of the Institution, I remain gentlemen

Sept. 17, 1878.

With respect
Faithfully yours.
Wm. W. Greenough.

Silver plate to be placed on Chair.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lewis put by the Clerk the thanks of the corporation were voted to the President and it was ordered that a silver plate with a suitable inscription be placed on the chair.

At 3.55 the meeting dissolved.

Samuel A. Green,
Clerk.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1878.

The Trustees met in the Library at Three o'clock P. M.

Present Meyers Greenough and Lewis of the corporation, and Judge Chamberlain by invitation.

Mr. Greenough, the President took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk read the following letter from Judge Chamberlain accepting the position of Librarian.

Sept. 17, 1878.

Boston, Aug. 28, 1878.

To the Trustees of the Public Library
of the City of Boston.

Gentlemen.

I have this day received a letter from the Clerk of your Corporation informing me of my election to the office of Librarian of the Public Library. I accept this office and will enter upon its duties on the first day of October next, agreeably to an informal understanding with the President of your Board.

Very respectfully yours
Mellen Chamberlain.

The President said that the Rev. Dr. Clarke wished to be recorded as favoring Judge Chamberlain's election.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Hall Oct. 1, 1878, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $7905.19. The bills having been examined were approved by the board.

Ordered. That the pay roll included in the requisition amounting to $5480.21 is hereby specially approved.

Ordered. That Ella Dillon be allowed during the month of September at the rate of $300 per annum.

Ordered. That Arthur W. Evans be allowed at the rate of $10 per month for runner service at South End Branch from Aug. 26, 1878.

Oct. 1, 1878.

Ordered. That Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. be requested to place with their agent at Leipzig to the credit of Felix Flügel the sum of £200.

The Librarian presented his Monthly Report for August.

Dr. Green handed in his resignation as Clerk of the Corporation, to take effect on the election of his successor.

Adjourned at 3.40 till Oct. 1.

Samuel A. Green
Clerk.

Tuesday Oct. 1, 1878.

The Trustees held a special meeting at three o'clock P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Frothingham, Clarke, Lewis and Guild.

Mr. Greenough, the president, took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and accepted, after which it was voted that the acts and doings of the last meeting be confirmed.

Dr. Green's resignation as Clerk was accepted, when Mellen Chamberlain was unanimously chosen in his place and duly sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of his office by Judge Parmenter, as follows:—

Mellen Chamberlain chosen Clerk.

Oct. 1, 1878.

Suffolk ss.

Boston, Oct. 1, 1878

Then personally appeared the above named Mellen Chamberlain and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of Clerk of the Corporation.

Before me
William E. Parmenter
Justice of the Peace.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was

E. G. Allen.

Ordered that Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. be requested to pay to the order of Edward G. Allen, 12 Tavistock Row, Covent Garden, the sum of £33. 18. 2 on account of the Library.

Trübner & Co.

Ordered, that Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. be requested to pay to the order of Trübner & Co., 57 & 59 Ludgate Hill, the sum of £69. 12. 3 on account of the Library.

Ella Dillon

Ordered, That Ella Dillon be allowed on and after Oct. 1, at the rate of $350. per annum.

South End Branch.

Rev. Dr. Clarke made a statement respecting the communication of W. H. Dudley, to the Trustees dated August 10th, concerning the South End Branch and after consideration it was Voted that a hearing be had before the Trustees on Saturday next at 3 o'clock P. M. and that the parties interested and witnesses be duly notified thereof and their attendance requested in the Trustees room.

Boys to be employed in Lower Hall.

The President reported the discharge of three girls in the Lower Hall, and it was Voted that the evening service in that department be hereafter

performed by boys.

Oct. 5, 1878.

At 4.30 the meeting adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Saturday, Oct. 5, 1878.

The Trustees held a special meeting at three o'clock.

Present Messrs Greenough, Clarke, Lewis and Guild.

The President in the chair.

South End Branch

A hearing was had on the communication of W. H. Dudley in respect to the South End Branch, and said Dudley and the Librarian of the South End were present, but before reaching any conclusion in regard to the same, the Board adjourned:-

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Oct. 15, 1878

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1878.

The Trustees held a regular meeting at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Frothingham, Chase, Clarke and Lewis.

Mr. Greenough, the president, in the chair.

The records of the last two meetings were read and approved.

Books purchased at Auction.

The Committee on Books, reported the purchase at auction of portions of a Roman Catholic Library and also of the Library of John Wingate Thornton.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills, payable at the City Treasury Nov. 1, 1878, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $8857.41. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered, - That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to $5510.99 is hereby specially approved.

Maggie Clifford

Ordered, - That Maggie Clifford be appointed runner in Lower Hall at the rate of $156 per annum.

Flora Richards.

Ordered, - That Flora Richards be appointed runner in Lower Hall at the rate of $156 per annum.

South End Branch Express.

The Committee on Branch Libraries brought before the Board the propriety of discontinuing one of the South End Branch daily expresses, which matter was referred to the Librarian with full powers.

Mr. Lewis suggested the increase of the price of the Bulletin to five cents, and the question was referred to the Committee on Administration with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Chase it was

Oct. 15, 1878.

Voted, That the Trustees of the Public Library acknowledge with gratitude the generous assistance rendered to the Institution by their late associate Dr. Samuel Abbott Green, who occupied with large advantages to the Library, both the position of Superintendent from the retirement of Mr. Winsor until the Act of Incorporation, and that of Librarian under the charter until the appointment of Honorable Mellen Chamberlain; - the entire period of one year from October 1st, 1877 to October 1st, 1878.

Sam'l A. Green.

Voted, - That Mr. Chase and Dr. Clarke be a committee to report to the Board, some suitable testimonial in recognition of Dr. Green's services.

The Librarian reported that Edward Moore, Daniel Donovan, Charles F. Gavin, and John Butler had been engaged for evening service in the Lower Hall.

Boys for Evening Service.

Mr. Chase from the Committee to whom was referred the consideration of a testimonial to Dr. Green reported the following: -

Samuel A. Green.

Voted, - That Dr. Samuel A. Green be paid the sum of one thousand dollars ($1000) for his services as Librarian from April to October 1878.

Voted, - That the thanks of the Board duly engrossed be transmitted to Dr. Green, and that the freedom of the alcoves of the Library be hereafter accorded to him.

The report was accepted and its provisions adopted.

A communication from the Committee on the Public Library was received, giving

Com. on Libr'y

Oct. 18, 1878.

notice of a meeting on Friday next at 2 P.M. for the consideration of matters embraced in the annual report. Voted, to meet the Committee.

At 4.15 the meeting dissolved.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Friday, Oct. 18, 1878.

Com. on Library

The Trustees met the Committee on the Library of the City Council, by invitation, in the office of the Clerk of Committees at 2 o'clock P.M.

Present Messrs Clarke, Lewis and Shepard, of the Trustees, and also the Librarian.

The Chairman of the Committee stated the object of the interview to be the consideration of

Ventilation, etc.

matters embraced in the Annual Report, relating to the ventilation of the present library building and additional accommodations

Messrs Clarke and Lewis of the Trustees and the Librarian made some statements as to the necessities of the library and after informal conversation the subject was allowed to drop without action.

The chairman of the Committee informed the Trustees that an early opportunity would be taken to visit the Library with a view to further consideration of the subjects.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Oct. 18, 1878.

Monday, Oct. 28, 1878.

The Trustees met in the Library at 2 o'clock P.M. to receive the Committee of the City Council on the Public Library agreeably to their request, and for the purpose of considering the matter of ventilation and removal of the Library building.

Com. on Library

Present Messrs Chase and Fitchburg ham.

In the absence of the President Mr. Chase took the chair.

The following gentlemen from the City Council (representing the Committee on the Public Library and Public Buildings) were present; - Aldermen Slade, Whidden and Spaulding, Councilmen Pearl, Kendricken, Brintnall, Hill, Clapp, Barnard, and Mason, together with the Superintendent of Public Buildings and the City Architect.

An examination of the Building in all its parts, including the basement, was made

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and the condition of the books and the inadequancy of their accommodations was pointed out to the Committee. After which they were convened in the Trustees room, and Mr. Chase in behalf of the Trustees, explained more fully the views and wishes of the Trustees upon the subjects under consideration

A general conversation ensued, and the Committee assured the Trustees that they would give the subjects due consideration and thereupon took their leave.

The Librarian called attention to the request of Dr. H. I. Bowditch that he be allowed to take from the Library bound volumes of the Liberator. Voted, that the request be granted.

At 4.15 dissolved.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Nov. 19, 1878.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1878.

The Trustees held a meeting in the Library at 3 o'clock.

Present Messrs Greenough, Chase, Clarke and Frothingham.

Mr. Greenough, the president took the chair.

The records for the meetings held Oct. 15, 18 & 28 were read and approved.

Bates Hall open till 7 o'c.

The motion made June 5, 1878 by Mr. Lewis to open Bates Hall until 7 o'clock throughout the year was taken up and in his absence laid on the table.

Saml A. Green.

The Clerk reported that an acknowledgment in accordance with the vote passed Oct. 15, had been sent to Dr. Samuel A. Green.

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Dec. 1, 1878 amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $10548.16 The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered - that the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5660.24 is hereby specially approved.

Book Covering

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Books recommended the removal of the covering work from the ground floor to the gallery of the Lower Hall. The matter was referred to the Committee with full powers.

South Boston Br.

The Librarian reported that the repairs and enlargement of the South Boston Branch Library were completed, and that the Library opened on Nov. 2, for the delivery of books.

Roslindale Delivery

On motion of Mr. Frothingham it was Voted, - to establish a Branch Delivery at Roslindale in the Post Office building on the corner of Ashland and Florence Sts., at an expense not to exceed $225 per annum for salary of attendant,

Nov. 19, 1878.

room and expressage.

The matter was referred to the Librarian under direction of the Committee on Administration.

Testimonial to Dr. Green.

Mr. Chase for the Committee to whom was referred the consideration of a suitable testimonial to Dr. Green for his services as librarian reported the following correspondence: -

October 25, 1878.

Dear Sir,

At the last meeting of the Trustees I was appointed the Chairman of a Committee (Dr. Clarke being my colleague) to report to the Board some recommendation upon the valuable services you had rendered to the Corporation as Librarian from the incorporation of the Library to the appointment of Judge Chamberlain as Librarian in chief.

In accordance with our recommendation the Trustees have voted to authorize us to offer you and request your acceptance of the sum of $1000 - one thousand dollars - in recognition of the faithful discharge by you of the duties you assumed at their request to the sacrifice of your professional duties and private occupations.

Hoping that you will accept the sum which the Trustees have unanimously voted you,

I am Sir,

Very faithfully yours.

George R. Chase

Chairman -

Dr. Samuel A. Green.

" " " -

25 Kneeland St.

Nov. 19, 1878.

Boston, Nov. 6 1878.

George H. Chase Esq.
Chairman of a Committee &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter stating that the Trustees of the Boston Public Library have voted me the sum of one Thousand dollars for services rendered as Librarian. I beg you to convey to the Corporation my thanks for this handsome gift and inform them of its acceptance by me.

Very respectfully yours.
Samuel A. Green.

Franklin Club

The President read a letter from the Trustees of the Franklin Club expressing their desire to present to the Library a book costing $160, the receipt of which the President was desired to acknowledge.

Medals rec'd from Paris Exposition

The Librarian laid before the Trustees a letter which he had received from Dr. J. D. Philbrick informing him of two gold medals awarded to the Library, one for the Library, the other for the Library binding.

Voted, that the thanks of the Trustees be accorded to Dr. Philbrick for the attention given by him to the exhibit of the Library at the Paris Exposition.

The Librarian presented his Monthly report for October.

Boy runners in Lower Hall Evening Service

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Administration reported various additions to the service, whereupon it was

Ordered that J. Edward Moore, Charles F. Garvin, Daniel Donovan, John Butler and Frederick Blaisdell be allowed at the rate of 10¢ per hour for evening service in Lower Hall

from Nov. 11, 1878.

Nov. 19, 1878.

Ordered, that Hannah Clifford be appointed extra runner in Lower Hall from Nov. 8, 1878, at the rate of 8¢ per hour.

Hannah Clifford

Voted, that the President of the Board petition the City Council for a modification of the Ordinance relecting Special Police Officers, so that those connected with the Library and its Branches may not be required to give bonds.

Special Police.

The President called attention to Mr. William I. Knapp's donation of Spanish books.

Wm. I. Knapp.

The Librarian reported that the price of the quarterly bulletins had been increased from 2¢ to 5¢ per copy.

Bulletins 5¢.

Ordered, - That a special requisition for $1000, to be paid to Samuel Abbott Green for his services as Librarian from April to October, 1878, is hereby specially approved.

At 4.10 P.M. the meeting dissolved.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Dec. 17, 1878.

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1878.

The Trustees held a regular meeting in the Library at 3 o'clock P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Clarke, Lewis, Chase and Frothingham.

The President, Mr. Greenough, took the chair.

The records for the last meeting were read and approved.

Registration Slips given to Police.

The Clerk read a communication from the Police Commissioners in which they gave permission to the Library to distribute its registration slips to the Police, as had been the custom under the former Boards of Commissioners.

Uniforms for Runners.

Mr. Chase reported that measures had been taken to procure uniforms for the runners in Bates Hall.

Bates Hall open till 7 o'clock.

Mr. Lewis's motion to keep Bates Hall open until 7 o'clock throughout the year was taken from the table and after some discussion referred to a Special Committee consisting of Messrs Lewis and Chase, to whom Mr. Greenough was added.

Mr. Lewis for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Jan. 1, 1879, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $9831.06. The bills having been examined were accepted by the Board.

Ordered, – That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to $5729.04, is hereby specially approved.

Ordered, – That the President be authorized to draw on Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Messrs Rewald & Cie., Paris, for the sum in Sterling equivalent to $422.45.

Mr. Lewis for the Committee on Branches reported the following:-

Milton Austin.

Ordered, That the salary of Milton Austin, librarian of the South End Branch be at the rate of $700 per annum from May 1, 1878.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was.

Jeremiah Sullivan.

Ordered, that the salary of Jeremiah Sullivan, porter, in the Central Library be fixed at $50 per month from Nov. 1, 1878.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was

Trustees. Meet twice a month.

Voted, that the Board meet twice a month.

Roslindale Branch Delivery.

The Librarian reported that the Roslindale Branch Delivery opened to the public Dec. 3.

Sam'l T. Bowthorpe.

Ordered, that Samuel T. Bowthorpe be appointed Delivery Agent at Roslindale at the rate of $83.33 per annum from Dec. 1, 1878.

Donation from Dr. S. A. Green.

The President read the following letter from ~~Samuel~~ S. A. Green:-

Boston, Nov. 23, 1878.

To the Trustees of the Public Library:-

Gentlemen, I desire to acknowledge the receipt this day of one thousand dollars from the City Treasurer, which your Board voted me for services as Acting Librarian.

When I accepted this sum, I intended to give it back to the Corporation, which I now do. It is my wish that the money, which is deposited with the City Collector subject to your order, should be funded, and the income arising from it spent in buying books relating to American history.

Very respectfully,

Samuel A. Green.

Dec. 17, 1878

Whereupon it was

Voted, that the cordial thanks of the Trustees be tendered to Doctor Samuel Abbott Green for his generous gift to the Library of the sum of one thousand dollars, - the annual income to be used for the purchase of books relating to American History.

Voted, that the Trustees accept this gift.

Voted, that a copy of Dr. Green's letter informing the Board of his act be inserted as a part of this Record, and that the President convey to Dr. Green the assurance of the strong appreciation felt by the Board for this earnest proof of his interest in the Library.

The President read the following letter from Mr. Chase:-

Letter from Mr. Chase.

December 16, 1878.

William W. Greenough Esq.
President of the Boston Public Library

Sir,

I take this way of informing you and through you the trustees of the Library, that I am enabled to place at the disposal of the Board, the sum of two hundred dollars, to be paid January 1, 1879. I desire that this sum be invested without unnecessary delay in the purchase of back numbers of such periodicals, as a comparison of issues of all magazines and other publications of this class of literature to applicants in the Reading Room shall show to be most in demand. The result of such comparison, however to be subject to one well understood limitation.

No periodical shall be bought unless it be of good moral character. A preference should be given, at the outset, to the purchase of unbound volumes or numbers of magazines issued within the last ten years. I wish that all magazines when bought, should be pressed, cut, and trimmed if necessary, then placed within stiff pasteboard covers well sewed by metal fastenings and duly labelled.

Dec. 17, 1878.

I believe that old magazines can be bought at a price not exceeding eight cents per number, and that strong covers can be furnished for them at about six cents a piece; and as the result of careful inquiry, I am of opinion that back numbers of good magazines can be placed upon the shelves of the Lower Hall and Branch Libraries properly bound for circulation for 12½ to 15 cents a piece.

I do not desire to have any mention of this gift made public, as the success of this experiment to put good and cheap literature in circulation among the poorer classes of the community cannot be foretold. Should the experiment succeed I shall hope to contribute further to the support of this method of increasing the circulation of the Library.

I am with cordial regard.
Very truly Yours
George B. Chase

The letter was referred to the Committee on Books.

Conv. of Principals of Public Schools.

Mr. Greenough for the Committee on Books reported on the interview of that committee with the Superintendent and a Committee of principals of Public Schools, a full account of which is given in the Records of Committees.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was

Voted, that the Art Room be open after six P.M. to ladies only.

At 4.30 P.M. dissolved.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Dec. 31, 1878.

Tuesday Dec. 31, 1878.

The Trustees held a regular meeting in the Library at 3 o'clock P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Lewis, Clarke, Frothingham ~~and~~ Guild and Chase.

The President, Mr. Greenough, took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Special Police

A communication was received from the Police Commissioners informing the Trustees of the appointment of several men in the Library service as Department Police Officers: placed on file.

Map of Boston

The Committee on Books laid before the Trustees Mr. Lamb's Map of Boston made from the Book of Possessions.

Mr. Lewis for the Committee on Branches reported some disturbance at the South End Branch, occasioned by three wicked disposed boys.

Periodicals for circulation.

The Committee on Books read a communication received from Mr. Chase of the Board of Trustees, dated 30th Dec., setting forth his plan for placing periodicals in the Lower Hall circulating Library. The letter was ordered to be placed on file.

Papers from Miss Quincy.

The Librarian read two interesting letters addressed to him by Eliza Susan Quincy transmitting forty-eight letters and documents relating to the acquisition by the Trustees of the Public Library of Copley's great historical painting of Charles I, demanding in the House of Commons the five impeached members; whereupon it was

Voted, that the special thanks of the Trustees be returned to Miss Quincy for her valuable gift and that the Librarian be directed to have the letters and documents bound for preservation, both as a memorial of an interesting transaction and also of the thoughtfulness of the donor. And that the Trustees will take into careful consideration the suggestions of Miss Quincy relating to the preservation of the painting, and adopt such measures as may be in their power.

Dec. 31, 1878.

Webster MS.

Voted, - That no transcript of the MS. of Webster's reply to Hayne be allowed without special vote of the Trustees.

Insurance Chn Br.

Mr. Frothingham called attention to the fact that the insurance on the Charlestown Branch Library had expired: whereupon Mr. Lewis observed that it was not the practice of the city to insure its property.

Petition for "Socialist" &c.

Mr. Chase called attention to a petition addressed to the Librarian that the "Socialist", "Congressional Record" and "Conway's Democrat" be placed in the Central and Branch Libraries, and it being stated that the "Socialist" was already taken in the Central Library it was suggested that the Librarian should solicit the "Congressional Record" from one of our Congressmen; no other action was taken.

Chn Advertiser.

On motion of Mr. Frothingham, it was voted to purchase the Charlestown Advertiser for the sum of $50, the Librarian having reported that it might be bought for that amount, one unbound volume missing.

Newspapers missing from Chn.

Mr. Frothingham called attention to the fact that certain volumes of newspapers were missing from the Charlestown Branch Library, which he recollected having seen in the Library, though not as a part of it, and gave it as his impression that they were to have formed a part of the matter purchased with the Bunker Hill Aurora.

The meeting dissolved at 4.30.

Melvin Lamb Clark
Clerk

Jan. 14, 1879.

Tuesday, January 14, 1879.

The Trustees held a regular meeting at 3.30 P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Chase, Clarke, and Frothingham.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Wm. G. Medlicott.

The President reported some correspondence with Mr. Wm. G. Medlicott respecting his bill for books bought in September, whereupon it was

Ordered, - That the President be authorized to settle the balance of the account with W. G. Medlicott Esq., amounting to $117.38, by a draft upon funds in the hands of Messrs Baring Bros. & Co.

Municipal docs. to Paris.

The President reported that the donation of municipal documents to Paris had been completely prepared and would be immediately forwarded to M. Ferdinand Duval, préfet de la Seine.

In the absence of Mr. Lewis, Chairman Dr. Clarke for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the city treasury Feb. 1, 1879, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $10111.38. The bills having been examined were passed by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5794.60 is hereby specially approved.

Map of Boston.

Mr. Chase reported some conversation with Mr. Lamb respecting his map of Boston made from the Book of Possessions, through which he learned that the map might possibly be bought for $500.

Jan. 14, 1879.

Sam'l C. Appleton.

Ordered, - That Samuel C. Appleton be appointed cleaner and repairer of books in the Central Library for three months at the rate of $1.50 per day from Jan. 6, 1879.

The Librarian presented his monthly Rept. for December.

At 4.20 the meeting dissolved.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1879.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Chase, Frothingham O'Brien and Wolcott.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communication was received from the City Clerk:-

Jan. 23, 1879.

Ald. Hugh O'Brien & Councilman Roger Wolcott. Trustees.

This is to certify

That Alderman Hugh O'Brien and Roger Wolcott of the Common Council, have been duly chosen, by concurrent vote, Trustees of the Public Library, on the part of the City Council, for the present municipal year, and until others are elected in their places.

S. F. McCleary
City Clerk.

The President appointed the following Committees for the remainder of the current year: -

Jan. 28, 1879.

Administration.

Messrs Chase, Frothingham, O'Brien.

Books.

Messrs Frothingham, Clarke, Wolcott.

Branches.

Messrs Clarke, Lewis Chase.

Finance

Messrs Lewis, O'Brien, Wolcott.

L. A. Nichols signs W. E. Putnam.

The Librarian reported that L. A. Nichols, a non-resident, had signed the name of W. E. Putnam a citizen of Boston and taken a card for the purpose of drawing books from the Library. The case was referred to a special Committee consisting of Messrs Chase and Wolcott, with full powers.

Hand Book for Readers.

The reprinting of the "Hand book for Readers" was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs Lewis, Chase Wolcott.

Examining Committee.

Voted, - That the Examining Committee consist of seven, beside one Trustee.

The nomination of the Committee was deferred to the next meeting.

Lamb's Map of Boston.

The subject of the purchase of Lamb's Map of Boston after some discussion was laid on the table.

The subject of the annual appropriations to be asked of the City Council was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Uniforms for Runners.

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Administration reported that only six of the ten runners had been uniformed. The question of ordering uniforms for the remaining four was left to the Chairman of the Committee with full powers.

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American Recorder.

The matter of The American Recorder as part of the purchase of the Bunker Hill Aurora by the City Council of Charlestown was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs Frothingham and Wolcott.

At 4.15 the meeting dissolved.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday Feb. 18, 1879.

The Trustees held a regular meeting in the Library at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Chase, Clark, Lewis and Wolcott.

Mr. Greenough the president in the chair

The Committee on the Public Library of the City Council having been invited to meet the Trustees, the following gentlemen were present - Messrs Tucker Blake of the Board of Aldermen, Messrs Mowry, Nason, Plimpton Wheeler of the Common Council.

The reading of the Records was deferred and the Trustees proceeded to consider the report of the Finance Committee for the ensueing year. After an interchange of views between the Trustees and gentlemen of the City Council, the Trustees voted to ask for the following sums to cover the expenses of the Library for the year 1879-80.

Binding	$3000.
Books for main Libry	
For Branches Periodicals.	16000.
Catalogues.	6000.
Fuel	2000.
Furniture, Shelves & fixtures	2000.
Gas.	5000.
Expenses, misc. & genl.	3200.

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Printing & stationery	4500.
Salaries	72000.
Transportation (postage &c.)	2300.
	116,000.

After the Committee on the Public Library of the City Council had retired, the Records of the last meeting were read and the Trustees proceeded to take up the unfinished business of the nomination of an Examining Committee, which was considered and before completion was laid on the table.

Lamb's Map of Boston.

Voted, - To purchase Lamb's map of Boston at an expense not exceeding $400.

Runners Uniformed.

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Administration reported that all the runners were uniformed as required by a previous order.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City treasury March 1, 1879 amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $11,238.67. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered, - That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5830.98 is hereby specially approved.

Ordered, - That the President be authorized to draw upon Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. for the sum of £36. 7. 4 sterling, that being the amount of Messrs Trübner & Co's bill.

Mr Lewis reported that the Finance Committee together with Messrs Greenough and Chase had visited all the Branches but East Boston and Charlestown & Brighton.

L. A. Nichols & W. E. Putnam.

Mr. Chase reported that L. A. Nichols and W. E. Putnam had made satisfactory explanation with regard to the signing of Mr. Putnam's name by Mr. Nichols to any application for registration.

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Mr Chase read a letter from Mr W. H. Whitmore in relation to the Brinley sale and suggested that the Catalogue should be collated and measures taken to secure as many books as possible.

Brinley Sale.

The Committee on revising the Hand Book asked for further time.

Bates Hall open till 7 o'c.

The motion to keep Bates Hall open until 7 o'clock was taken from the table and withdrawn.

Jamaica Plain Fire.

The Librarian laid before the Board a letter from Mrs. E. R. Davis giving an account of the fire at Jamaica Plain; ordered to be placed on file.

Kate M. Reilly.

The Librarian reported the temporary employment of Kate M. Reilly as stitcher in the Bindery.

John W. Speak.

Ordered - That John W. Speak be employed as runner in Bates Hall at the rate of $186 per annum from Jan. 11, 1879.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday, March 4, 1879.

The Trustees met in the Library at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Chase, Clarke, Lewis, O'Brien and Wolcott.

Mr. Greenough, the president, in the chair.

The Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The unfinished business of nomina-

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ting the Examining Committee was taken from the table & the following gentlemen were named, viz.

Examining Committee

Rev. J. T. Brodfish
George B. Hyde Esq.
Chas. E. Jenkins Esq.
A. W. Haynes Esq.
Reginald A. Fitz M. D.
J. T. Morse, Jr. Esq.
P. Worthington Esq.

and as substitutes

Rev. Adams Ayer
E. P. Seaver Esq.
Samuel D. Crane Esq.
J. P. Oliver M. D.
W. C. Williamson Esq.
W. A. Avery Esq.
T. L. Perry Esq.

The Committee on Finance reported an order for a draft for £7. on Baring Bros. & Co. for Mr. Patterson. Also a special requisition on the Treasurer for $400 to pay for Lamb's Map of Boston.

Felix Flügel.

Ordered, - That the sum of £100 be placed to the credit of Dr. Felix Flügel at Leipzig.

Letter from Dr. Eliot.

The President read a letter signed by Dr. Eliot, Supt of Schools, and several teachers, respecting the character of some books circulated from the Library. The matter was discussed but no action taken thereon.

Brinley Library -

The President referred to the sale of the Brinley Library in New York March 10 & said that he and the Librarian intended to be present and make purchases to a considerable amount.

On motion of Mr. Chase it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Administration make such

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changes in the doors between the main building & the addition as will make them more secure from fire.

Security agint fire.

The Librarian reported that agreeably to instructions from the Book Committee he had purchased Lamb's Map of Boston for $400.

Lamb's Map of Boston.

He presented the request of J. Henry Boghill to copy the portrait of Lindsay from Copley's picture of Charles I. Referred to the Committee on Administration with full powers.

Portrait of Lindsay in Copley Paint'g

He also stated that Chas. A. Brainard had expressed the wish of several gentlemen to place the bust of John G. Whittier in the Public Library, but no action was taken, though an informal expression was made favorable to the proposal.

Bust of Whittier.

He also presented the application of Charles E. Avery for privileges to the Library, which was referred to the president with full powers, as was also the application of Dr. George H. Cowdin for a similar privilege.

C. E. Avery.
Geo. H. Cowdin.

~~At 5 P. M. the meeting adjourned.~~

The President reported the further donation of five hundred dollars ($500) on Feb. 25, by J. Ingersoll Bowditch Esq., ~~to be~~ used for the purchase of books for the Bowditch Library, the receipt of which had been suitably acknowledged in behalf of the Board.

Bowditch collection.

At 5 P. M. the meeting adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Mar. 18, 1879.

Tuesday, March 18, 1879.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 3 o'clock P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Chase, Clarke, Lewis, O'Brien Wolcott.

Mr. Greenough, the president, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Examining Com.

Reports were received that Messrs. Bodfish, Jaynes, Hyde, Jenkins and Worthington, nominated for the Examining Committee, had consented to serve.

The Committee on Administration asked for further time on the application of Mr. Coghill for permission to copy Lindsay's portrait in Copley's painting in the Art Room:- also in respect to making the doors between the main building and the addition more secure against fire.

Brinley Sale.

Mr. Greenough for the Committee on Books reported that he and the Librarian had attended the sale of the Brinley Library in New York and had made purchases to the amount of about $1300 - less than had been intended, owing to the high prices at which the books sold.

Mr. Lewis for the Committee on Finance reported the following Orders, which were severally adopted:-

Baring Bros.

Ordered,- that the President be authorized to draw upon Messrs Baring, Bros. & Co. for the sum of £46. 2. 4 Sterling, being the amount of Messrs Trübner & Co's account of Feb. 26 last.

Ordered,- that the President be authorized to draw upon Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. for the sum of £7. 6 Sterling being the amount of B. F. Stevens account of Nov. 27 last.

Ordered,- that the President be authorized to make a special requisition upon the City Treasurer for a sum not exceeding $1350, in payment for books purchased at the sale of the Brinley Library.

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The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury, April 1, 1879, amounting as per cash book of this date, to the sum of $9681.6.

The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered,- That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to $5795.67, is hereby specially approved.

Charles H. Prentiss.

Ordered,- That Charles H. Prentiss be employed at the rate of $120 per annum for runner service at the South End Branch, from Mar. 1, 1879

Arthur W. Evans.

Mr. Lewis reported that Arthur W. Evans was dismissed from the service at the South End Branch Feb. 28.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was

½ day at Branches.

Ordered,- That the Committee on Branches consider the expediency of giving to each assistant in the Branches one half day and evening weekly.

Night Watchman.

Ordered,- that the Committee on Administration consider the propriety of employing a private night watchman for the protection of the Library against fire; and, if in their judgment expedient, to report the expense of the same at the next meeting of the Board.

Green Slips.

The matter of the waste of green slips was referred to the Librarian.

The President suggested a revision of the Rules respecting fire and the subject was referred to the Librarian.

The Librarian laid before the Board

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a communication from Messrs Neff & Small respecting an express delivery of books from the library, which was referred to the Committee on Administration. He also reported that J. R. Beckett, finisher in the Bindery, left the service March 22, and that his place will be filled by Theo. B. Sanford on the 24th of March at $18 per week.

The Librarian presented his monthly report for February.

At 4 o'clock P. M. the meeting adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday, April 1, 1879.

The Trustees held a meeting in the Library at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Chase, Clarke, and Lewis.

The President, Mr. Greenough, took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Examining Committee.

The president reported that John T. Morse Jr. Esq. and R. H. Fitz M. D. had consented to act on the examining Committee.

Messrs Neff & Small.

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Administration reported that the Committee had had an interview with Messrs Neff and Small and also received a second communication from them on the subject of their proposal to establish an Express Delivery of books; and after some consideration the subject was recommitted.

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Lindsay's Portrait in Copley painting

The same Committee also reported that the application of Mr. Coghill for leave to copy Lindsay's portrait in the Copley painting should be granted under direction of the Librarian. The report was accepted.

Bindery.

Mr. Chase also for the same Committee laid before the Trustees the necessity of additional force in the Bindery and the matter was referred to the Committee on Administration with full powers.

Mr. Greenough for the Committee on Books reported the following:-

W. I. Knapp.

Ordered, - that the Committee on Books be authorized to employ Mr. W. I. Knapp upon the revision of the Ticknor Catalogue at an expense not exceeding $250.

The president presented the receipt for $6917.78 being the amount of interest on the trust funds belonging to the Library, for the past year, which he had collected of the city treasurer and payed to the city collector, as required by the Act of Incorporation.

Treadwell Estate.

The Committee on Finance presented a communication from John Noble respecting the estate of Daniel Treadwell, which was ordered to be placed on file.

Committee Reports.

The several Committees on the reprinting of the hand book; on the protection of Doors against fire; on the granting of ½ day and one evening per week to the employés of the Branches, asked further time before reporting.

Green Slips.

The Librarian reported that there was a small waste of green slips; but he saw no way of preventing it, without serious inconvenience to the patrons of the Library.

Brinley Sale.

Ordered, - that the expenses of the Librarian's attendance at the Brinley sale in New York, amounting to $41.05 be paid by the Library.

At 4 P. M. the meeting adjourned.

Apr. 22, 1879.

Tuesday, April 22, 1879.

The Trustees held a regular meeting in the Library at 3 o'clock P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Chase, Clarke, Lewis and Wolcott.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Messrs Neff & Small

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Administration reported on the petition of Messrs Neff and Small the following Vote:-

Voted,- that, on exhibition to the Librarian of the names of three hundred citizens of Boston, subscribers to the plans of Oswald J. Neff and Lawrence R. Small, for a special delivery of books, under their management as set forth in the letters of said Neff and said Small of Jan. 1, March 28 and April 22, 1879, the Librarian be authorized to grant said Neff and said Small such facilities as may be necessary for such delivery, subject, however, to such rules and regulations as the Trustees may from time to time determine.

Samuel C. Appleton

Ordered,- that the Committee on Administration be authorized to contract with Samuel C. Appleton for the continuance of his services in cleaning and repairing books at an expense not exceeding $1.50 per diem.

Floors covered with Iron

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Administration reported that the subject of covering wooden floors with iron had been referred to Mr. Tucker, Supt of Buildings, who was waiting for an appropriation by the City Council.

Automatic Fire Alarm

Mr. Chase from the same Committee on the application of T. J. Jackson to furnish the Library with an automatic fire alarm, reported that it seemed inexpedient

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to place the same in the Library, and suggested that the Committee be authorized to employ a night watchman. whereupon it was

Night Watchman Electric Clock.

Voted,- that the Committee on Administration be authorized to employ a night watchman and to obtain estimates of the expenses of an electrical clock.

Harris Fund.

Mr. Greenough reported that the Committee on Books had ordered the purchase of books at auction from the Library of L. M. Sargent for the Charlestown Branch, with the income of the Harris Fund.

On motion of Mr. Wolcott it was

Franklin Club.

Voted,- that the special thanks of the Board be communicated by the President to the Trustees of the Franklin Club for their very liberal gift to the Library, of Roberts' Holy Land, and the accompanying volumes.

Mr. Lewis reported the following

Special Requisition

Ordered, that the President be requested to sign a special requisition upon the City Treasurer for a sum not exceeding $2453.77. The same being to cover the account due Meyers Rockwell & Churchill for printing the Catalogues of the South Boston Branch Library; of the final portion of the Ticknor Library; of a portion of the Barton Library; and of the April bulletin

Ordered,- that the President be authorized to sign a special requisition upon the City Treasurer for $250 in behalf of William I. Knapp, for services rendered upon the Ticknor Catalogue.

Ordered,- That the President be authorized to sign a special requisition upon the City Treasurer for a sum not exceeding $652.57, the same being to cover purchase of books from the Harris Fund for the Charlestown Branch of the Library.

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Ordered, - That the City Treasurer be requested to transmit in Sterling to Meyer Baring, Bros & Co., to be placed to the credit of the Trustees the sum of $6540.36 being the balance for 1879, of the funds in his hands belonging to the Library.

Sarah Dumas
John Dunn.

Ordered, - That Sarah Dumas and John Dunn be appointed assistants in the Bindery, the former from April 4, 1879 at the rate of $7 per week, and the latter from April 7th at the rate of $18 per week.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills, payable at the City Treasury May 1, 1879 amounting as per cash book of this date to $10,278.74. The bills having been examined were passed by the Board.

Ordered, - That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5932.07 is hereby specially approved.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was

Adjoining Estate.

Voted, - That the Committee on Administration be instructed to inquire whether there is any practical use, for library purposes, which can be made of the adjoining estate belonging to the city.

Lindsay Portrait.

The Librarian reported that a copy had been made under his direction of Lindsay's portrait in the Copley picture.

Bindery.
Extra Service

He reported that under the authority of the Committee on Administration he had temporarily employed Miss J. Daly, Apr. 2d & Miss Sarah Dumas, Apr. 4 as stitchers & John Dunn Apr. 7, as finisher in the bindery, & that Miss Daly left the service Apr. 16.

The Librarian presented his Monthly report for March.

At 4.40 the meeting dissolved.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

May 5, 1879.

Monday, May 5, 1879.

The Trustees met for organization agreeably to the Act of Incorporation, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Shaw, Lewis, Clarke & O'Brien.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk.

The following communication from the City Clerk was received:-

City of Boston
April 28, 1879.

This is to certify that

Richard Frothingham

Richard Frothingham.

has been duly appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by concurrent vote of the City Council as a Trustee of the Public Library of the City of Boston, for five years from the first Monday of May, A. D. 1879.

[Signed.] E. F. McCleary
City Clerk.

The Board proceeded to the election of a President and William W. Greenough was unanimously chosen.

Wm. W. Greenough.
President.

The President took the chair.

Mellen Chamberlain was chosen clerk and took the following oath of office:-

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Then personally appeared the above named Mellen Chamberlain and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of Clerk of the Corporation.

Before me
Frederic B. Perkins
Justice of the Peace.

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On motion of Mr. Lewis it was

By Laws &c.

Ordered, - That the By-Laws and Regulations of the last Board be provisionally adopted.

On motion of Mr. Chase it was

Committee to revise By Laws &c.

Ordered, - That Messrs Lewis, Wolcott and Chase be appointed a Committee to revise the existing By-Laws and Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, - That the regular meetings of the Corporation be held on the Tuesday preceding the 20th of each month at 3 o'clock P.M.

On motion of Dr. Clarke it was

Mr. C. Librarian

Ord'd, - That Mellen Chamberlain be chosen Librarian.

J. P. Bennett.

Ordered, - That J. P. Bennett be appointed, pro tempore, evening registration clerk and Sunday Reading Room attendant at the rate of $600 per annum, from April 24, 1879, in place of William Hanna resigned

On motion of Mr. Lewis for the Committee on Finance it was, -

Baring Bros. &c.

Ordered, - That Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. be requested to place with their agent in Leipzig the sum of £200, to the credit of Dr. Felix Flügel.

Ordered, - That Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. be requested to place with their agent at Madrid the sum of £100, to the credit of Don Juan F. Riaño.

Ordered, - That the President make special requisition upon the City Treasurer for the sum of $44532 in payment for

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books purchased at the auction sale of Henry C. Bird and Co.

At 11 A.M. the meeting adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday, May 20, 1879.

No Quorum. -

At a meeting regularly called for the day, Messrs Greenough and Chase, being the only Trustees present, signed the following paper, which afterwards received the signature of Mr. Lewis.

The subscribers, Trustees of the Public Library, hereby assent to the signature of the President to the requisition, payable at the city treasury, June 2d next, amounting to $8275.64, and also specially approve the requisition for salaries amounting to $5789.94.

(signed) George B. Chase
Wm. W. Greenough.
Weston Lewis.

Adjourned to Wednesday, May 21 at 3 P.M.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Wednesday, May 21, 1879.

The Trustees held an adjourned meeting in the Library at 2 o'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Chase & Lewis.

Mr. Greenough, the President, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

W. F. Robinson. — An application was received from W. F. Robinson, asking to change his hours of attendance, and referred to the Committee on Administration.

News Boys' Library. — An application from William H. Lee and others for aid in the formation of a library for news boys and boot blacks was referred to the Committee on Books.

Susan Edwards. — A letter from Dr. C. L. Cartie, enclosing the resignation of Susan Edwards as Delivery Clerk at the Charlestown Branch was referred to the Committee on Branches.

Electric Clock. — Mr. Chase for the Committee on Administration laid before the Board the propositions of J. B. Johnson and the Boston Electric Protective Association, to place in the library the necessary apparatus and clock to be used by the night watchman, and it was ordered that the Committee be authorized to contract with said association agreeably to their proposition.

South End Branch Reading Room. — The petition of certain citizens for the establishment of a reading room in connection with the South End Branch, and the communication from Milton Austin, Librarian, relating to the insufficiency of accommodations for the purpose were referred to the Committee on Branches.

Salaries. — The President of the Board of Trustees, the chairman of the Committee on Finance and Mr. Chase were appointed a special committee to report on salaries at the next meeting.

The following standing committees were appointed, and the Librarian was directed to have the same printed in the usual form for the use of the Trustees:-

Administration

Messrs Chase, Frothingham, O'Brien.

Books.

Messrs Frothingham, Clarke, Chase.

Branches.

Messrs Clarke, Lewis, Wolcott.

Finance

Messrs Lewis, O'Brien, Wolcott.

Janitor. — On motion of Mr. Chase the Librarian was ordered to inquire and report why the Library was left without the attendance of the janitor, or his assistants, on Saturday evening last.

Introduction to Ticknor Catalogue. — The President of the Board laid before the Trustees a sketch of an introduction to the Ticknor catalogue, which was approved and he was authorized to append the names of the Trustees to the same.

Photographs of Trustees. — The Librarian was directed to collect as far as practicable the photographs of past Trustees of the Library.

At 4 P. M. the meeting adjourned.

Nellie Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday, June 10, 1879.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 3 o'clock P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Chase, Blake, O'Brien and Wolcott.

Mr Greenough, the president in the chair.

The reading of the Records was dispensed with.

The Special Committee on Salaries appointed May 21, made the following report, which was accepted.

Central Library.

Chamberlain, Mellen.	3500.
Whitney, James L.	2500.
Foster, William H.	1700.
Perkins, F. B.	1600.
Knapp, A. M.	1600.
Hubbard, J. M.	1600.
Ford, Wm. E.	1500.
Garret, J. T.	1500.
Tiffany, Edward.	1500.
Wilson, C. A.	1100.
Bradshaw, E.	1100.
Griffin, A. P. C.	1250.
Robinson, Wm. F.	1000.
Collins, Thos.	800.
Pike, H. N.	750.
Nichols, A. A.	750.
Green, Harriet E.	750.
Ball, Annie F.	650.
Keen, Anna C. D.	700.
Knowles, Lydia F.	600.
McGrath, Mary A.	600.
Potée, Caroline E.	600.

Joslyn, Mrs S. A.	600.
Hewins, J.	600.
Swift, Lindsay.	700.
Sullivan, Jerry	600.
Reed, Eliz. T.	550.
Baylis, Adeline S.	600.
Osgood, Mary T.	600.
Force, Alice M.	500.
Mack, Eliza J.	500.
Mack, Sarah A.	500.
Jenkins, M. A.	450.
Kennedy Annie M.	400.
Bennett, J. P. Evening Service Sunday	300.
Ross, R. B. " " " R.R.	300.
Brennahan, Ellen E.	400.
Dillon, Ella.	350.
Whyte, Thomas.	400.
McCarty, E. T.	350.
Ray, Richard	260.
Blaisdell, Frank	260.
Sturny, Ella.	260.
Doyle, Margaret.	260.
Sheridan, M. A.	208.
McGrath, Catherine. Evening Service.	156.
Shea, Annie G.	156.
Clifford, Maggie	156.
Richards, Florence.	156.
Young, W. M. L.	182.
Barrett, Mary T.	182.
Cable, W. J.	182.
Drowan, R.	208.
Speak, J. W.	182.
Knight, A. S.	182.
McConnell, Saml.	208.
Payne, Richard.	208.
Eastman, R. M. Abraza	300.

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Appleton, Saml. C.	$1.50 per day.	468.

Bindery

Hathaway, F. P.		1200
Levi, Romeo.		1000.
Blake, A. M.		1000.
Healy, M.		1000.
Pendergast, J.		936.
Roe, Edw. M.		780.
Wheeler, Martha		494.
Austin, Mary E.		494.
Moriarty, Mary G.		468.
Bowen, Sarah E.		416.
Thomas, Frank H.		260.
Dumas, Sarah		364.
Reilly, Kate		364.
Sandford, Filig		936.
		49,845.

East Boston Branch.

Hosea, G. H.	600.	
Godbold, L. C.	700.	
Gray, M. R.	500.	
Wing, A. M.	500.	
Lathcart, M. E.	350.	
Substitutes	450.	
		3100

South Boston Branch.

Baker, Joseph	600.	
Bragdon, Alice J.	700.	
Davis, Emma.	500.	
Eaton, E. A.	500.	
McCarthy, Honora.	450.	
Sampson, Edna.	350.	
Substitutes.	350.	
		3450

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Roxbury Branch.

Burtis, C. R.	700.	
Bunker, Sarah.	600.	
Bradley, Mary.	500.	
Puffer, Ora.	350.	
Bell, Helen M.	350.	
Blood, Maggie.	208.	
Substitutes.	350.	
		2058.

Charlestown Branch.

Carter, C. S.	1000.	
Smith, Thos. S.	300.	
Eberle, A. E.	500.	
Swain, Mary P.	500.	
Davis, Annie C.	156.	
Substitutes	630.	
		3386.

Brighton Branch.

Brock, Jas. M.	500.	
Brock, Mary E.	500.	
Grailey, R.	208.	
Substitutes	78	
		1286.

Dorchester Branch.

Davenport, Edward.	400.	
Coffin, Mary G.	600.	
Whiton, Esther R.	500.	
Sheridan, Jennie	400.	
Substitutes	40.	
Hill, M. A. (Lower Mills)	125.	
		2205

South End Branch.

Austin, Milton.	700.	
Morse, Maude.	450.	
Reuter, Chas. H.	120.	
Hinckley, Esther M.	182.	
Substitutes	132.	
		1894

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Jamaica Plain Branch	$67689.
Davis, Eliza R.	600.
Barton, Annie J.	500.
Johnson, Timothy	300.
Substitutes.	280.
Bowthorpe, S. P. (Roslindale.)	83.33.
	1763.33
	$69,461.33

Wilson, C. A.

The Clerk was directed to notify Mr. Wilson, Clerk of Branches, that his office would be discontinued on the 1st of September next and his services no longer needed.

Perkins, F. B.

Mr. Perkins was appointed special cataloguer; Mr.

Barrett, J. F.

Barrett assigned to duty in Bates Hall.

Aspinwall Books.

Ordered, That the President be requested to make a special requisition upon the City Treasurer for a sum not exceeding $650 in payment for books bought from the Aspinwall library.

Señor Gayangos.

Ordered, That Señor Don Pascual de Gayangos be authorized to draw upon Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. for the sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling (£20), in payment for services rendered in the revision of the Ticknor Catalogue.

On motion of Mr. Chase it was

Iron doors.

Ordered, That the Librarian write to Mr. Tucker, Supt. of Public Buildings, inquiring the cause of the delay in covering the doors with iron.

Messrs Neff & Co.

Ordered, That the Committee on Administration be authorized to arrange with Messrs Neff & Co. for making their experiment of express delivery of books from the Public Library.

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Ordered, That the same Committee be authorized to contract with F. W. Adams as night watchman.

Adams, F. W.

Handbook.

The Committee on the Handbook made a partial report and asked leave to make their final report in print.

Wyman's Charlestown.

Mr. Greenough made a statement respecting the copies of Wyman's Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown.

Branches closed at 7 P. M.

Ordered, That the Branch Libraries with the exception of Brighton be closed every day but Saturday at 7 P. M.

Branches.

Extra Hours.

Voted, That the Committee on Branches, with the Librarian be requested to arrange for extra hours of vacation for the employes of the Branches.

Decoration day.

The President reported that he had ordered the Central Library and Branches closed at 12 M on May 30th, Decoration Day.

The meeting adjourned at 3.45 P.M.

June 18.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

June 18, 1879.

Wednesday, June 18, 1879.

The Trustees held a regular meeting at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Clarke and Wolcott.

Mr. Greenough, the president, in the chair.

The records of the last two meetings were read and approved.

The Librarian laid before the Board a communication from Dr. Castle, Librarian of the Charlestown Branch, with enclosures respecting Wyman's Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown. The letters were placed on file.

Libry closed June 17.

The President reported that he had closed the Library at noon on June 17th. in conformity with the usual custom.

Mr. Wolcott for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills, payable at the City Treasury July 1, 1879, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $9207.45. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5881.69 is hereby specially approved.

Adams, Wm. F.

Ordered, That William F. Adams be employed as night watchman in the Central Library at the rate of $75 per month from June 21, 1879.

The President submitted a draft of the Annual Report of the Trustees, which was read and approved.

Adjourned at 4.20.

Melles Chamberlain

Clerk

July 16, 1879.

Tuesday, July 16, 1879.

The Trustees held a regular meeting in the Library at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Wolcott and Abbott

Mr. Greenough, the president, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communication from the City Clerk was received and ordered to be placed on file,-

City Clerk's Office.

Boston, July 10, 1879.

This is to certify.

Samil A. B. Abbott

That Samuel A. B. Abbott has been duly appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a concurrent vote of the City Council as a Trustee of the Public Library of the City of Boston in place of Weston Lewis, resigned.

S. F. McCleary

City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Greenough it was

Weston Lewis Resignation.

Voted, That the Board of Trustees learn with regret of the resignation of Mr. Weston Lewis after a service of twelve years, during which time he has manifested continued interest and rendered important aid in the growth and usefulness of the Library.

Voted, That the freedom of the alcoves be granted to Mr. Lewis.

Wyman Genealogies.

A copy of the Records of the City Council relating to the Wyman Genealogies was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Ordered, That the Committee on Books be authorized to carry out the contract respecting the Wyman Genealogies.

July 16, 1879.

Mr. Abbott on Committees.

The president appointed Mr. Abbott chairman of the Finance Committee and on the Branch Committee in place of Mr. Lewis.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury August 1, 1879, and amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $8307.01. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered, - That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5832.63 is hereby specially approved.

Catalogue Cases in Lower Hall.

Voted, That the Committee on Administration be authorized to contract for a range of boxes or drawers suitable for the card catalogue of the Lower Hall Library, which is to be removed from the Upper Hall and rearranged under the direction of the Librarian.

Letter from Eliza Susan Quincy

The Librarian reported a letter from Miss Eliza Susan Quincy enclosing an autograph letter from John Quincy Adams relating to the Copley painting of Charles I in Parliament. Mr. Adams' letter was placed with other papers that had been presented by Miss Quincy.

At 3.30 the meeting adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Aug. 12, 1879.

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1879.

The Trustees held a regular meeting in the Library at 3 o'clock.

Present Messrs Greenough, Blake and O'Brien.

Mr. Greenough, the president in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills, payable at the City Treasury Sept. 1, 1879. amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $9215.21. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered, - That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5864.25 is hereby specially approved.

Ordered, - That Messrs Baring Bros. & Co., London, be requested to pay Messrs Trübner & Co., or order, the sum of £85.5.3. — Baring Bros.

Ordered, - That Arthur S. Knight's salary be raised to $4 per week from Sept. 1, 1879. — A. S. Knight.

Ordered, - That William Cable receive $4 per week from Sept. 1, 1879. — Wm. Cable.

Letter from Mrs. Ticknor.

A letter from Mrs. Ticknor, thanking the Trustees for the copy of the Ticknor Catalogue presented to her, was received and ordered to be placed on file.

Letter from Mr. Hewins.

A letter was read from Mr. Hewins, President of the West Roxbury Library in which all the books of that Library were offered to the Trustees on condition that a Branch Delivery should be established in that district. The matter was referred to the Committee on Books.

Sept. 17, 1879.

A letter from Mr. Austin, requesting an increase of salaries for himself and other employés of the South End Branch was referred to the Committee on Branches.

Dr. Clarke stated that George William Bond proposed to give to the Public Library a free set of the New York Nation on condition that the same should be bound and kept at the Jamaica Plain Branch. Referred to the Committee on Works.

At four o'clock the meeting adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 1879.

The Trustees met at 3 o'clock P.M.
Present Messrs Greenough, Abbott and Wolcott.

Mr. Greenough the president in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Abbott for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Oct. 1, 1879, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $8495.09. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the Requisition amounting to $5969.70 is hereby specially approved.

Doc. Fund. Ordered. That the City Treasurer be requested to remit to Baring Bros. & Co., the sum of $335.13 in sterling, being the amount of the fund belonging to the Dorchester Branch.

Ordered, That Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. be requested to pay to Edward G. Allen the sum of twelve pounds, ten pence sterling (£12.0.10) on account of the Library. — Sept. 17, 1879. Allen.

Ordered, That the President draw a special draft on the City Treasurer in favor of the Western Historical Company, for the sum of $108.25. — Western Hist. Co.

Ordered, That Thomas H. Cummings be appointed Curator of the Lower Hall Catalogue, from Sept. 1, 1879, at the rate of $600 per annum. — Thos. H. Cummings.

Ordered, That Andrew J. Kehoe be appointed runner in Bates Hall from Sept. 2, 1879 at the rate of $182 per annum. — Andrew J. Kehoe.

Ordered, That William Ferris be appointed runner in Bates Hall from Sept. 9, 1879 at the rate of $182 per annum. — Wm. Ferris.

A letter from Miss Bragdon, Librarian of the South Boston Branch, was received enclosing an anonymous gift of $100, to be invested as the "South Boston Public Library Fund" and the income used to purchase a higher class of books for that Library; whereupon it was. — $100 to S. B. Br.

Voted, That the Trustees of the Public Library gratefully accept from a friend of the South Boston Branch Library the gift of $100, to be used for its benefit under the conditions named by the donor.

Mr. Greenough reported in favor of granting the petition of Mr. C. A. Hewins and others for a Delivery at West Roxbury, and requested Mr. Abbott to make drafts of papers necessary for the transfer of the books of the West Roxbury Library to the Trustees of the Boston Public Library. — Delivery at West Roxbury.

The letter from Robert Treat Paine, Jr. Esq. asking that books might be lent from the Library to the Wells Memorial Workingmen's Club was referred to the Committee on — Wells Mem. Workingmen's Club.

Sept. 17, 1879.

S. B. Br.

Books with full powers.

Mr. Wolcott read the report of Rev. Dr. Clarke on the difficulties at the South Boston Branch. The matter was laid on the table.

R. R. open at 10 P.M.

Voted, That the petition to open the Reading Room until 10 P.M. be granted, dating from Oct. 1, 1879.

Portuguese Library.

The President laid before the Board a letter from Messrs Trübner & Co. respecting the purchase of the Guerra Portuguese Library, and reported that the value of the Library had not yet been fully ascertained, but if it was thought desirable to purchase the same, it might be necessary to take action before the next meeting of the Board.

Voted, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Books with full powers.

Meetings of Committees.

Ordered, that ~~the~~ meetings of the several Committees be held monthly, on such day of the week previous to the regular Trustee meeting as may prove most convenient.

Lower Hall Catalogue.

The Librarian presented his Monthly report and also stated that McNutt & Co. had been engaged to make cases for the Lower Hall card catalogue for the sum of $435. and that Mr. Perkins was removing the Lower Hall cards from the Catalogue in Bates Hall.

At 4.30 the meeting adjourned.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday, October 14, 1879.

Oct. 14, 1879.

The Trustees met in the Library at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Greenough, Abbott, Chase and Clarke.

Mr. Greenough, the president in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and after some amendments, approved.

In answer to inquiries by Mr. Chase, the Librarian stated that new doors covered with metal had been placed in the South-West tower. Also that the clock marking the progress of the night watchman through the building was in good order and the watchman attentive to his work; also that Mr. Neff had started the Express delivery of books, which he had been permitted to carry on, on his own account by the Trustees, but that he was waiting for the return of his patrons for an increase of business.

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Administration offered the following order, which was adopted.

Uniforms for runners.

Ordered, that the Librarian of Bates Hall be, and hereby is charged with the supervision of the uniforms worn by the runners employed in Bates Hall, with authority to renew the same when necessary, reporting his action to the Librarian in chief.

Portuguese Libry

Mr. Greenough for the Committee on Books reported that the Committee were awaiting information respecting the value of the Portuguese collection offered for sale by Messrs Trübner & Co., and also to hear from the firm with regard to the price.

Welles Memr. &c.

Mr. Greenough also stated that the Committee had received an application from Robert Treat Paine, Jr. Esq. for a loan of books from the Library for the Welles Memorial Workingmen's Club and Institute and had granted the same, subject to the rule; whereupon the Librarian said that the guaranty had been furnished, and fifty books loaned to the Institute for four weeks.

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Dr. Clarke from the Committee on Branches reported;-

Reading Room at S. E. Br.

— On the petition of A. Pennick & others for the establishment of a Reading Room at the South End Branch - that the whole subject of accommodations for that Branch was under consideration.

Salaries at S. E. Br.

— On the petition of Milton Austin for an increase of salaries at the South End Branch — that the salaries had already been regulated according to the appropriation and for want of funds no increase could be made.

Mr. Abbott for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Nov. 1, 1879, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $8491.57. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered, - That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5874.94 is hereby specially approved.

John Hendricks.

Ordered, - That John Hendricks be employed as assistant janitor from Oct. 11, 1879, at the rate of $500 per annum.

Mrs. Collins.

Ordered, - That the widow of Thomas Collins be authorized to draw the amount of wages due her husband on Sept. 30, 1879.

The Librarian presented his monthly report for September and stated;-

S. H. Catalogue Cases.

— That under instructions from the Committee on Administration he had contracted with McNutt & Co. for the construction of cases for the Lower Hall catalogue, and that the work had been completed for the sum of $425. Also that a suitable railing would be added to the same at an expense not exceeding $55.

R. R. open till 10 P. M.

— That in accordance with a vote of the last meeting of the Board the Reading Room is open until 10 P. M.

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— That Thomas Collins, assistant janitor after a faithful service of twelve years, died on the 30th September 1879, and that John Hendricks had been appointed in his place, temporarily, at a salary of $500 per annum.

Thos. Collins.

— That by direction of the Committee on Branches he had authorized the Librarian of East Boston Branch to provide rubber carpet for the stairs and Reading Room at an expense not exceeding $60.

Rubber Carpet for E. B.

The Librarian also laid before the Trustees a letter from J. N. Larned Esq., Supt of the Young Men's Library, Buffalo, N. Y., transmitting a gift to the Library of the Journal of the Massachusetts House of Representatives 1715-16.

Gift from Young Men's Libry Buffalo.

The President was requested to acknowledge the donation and to send such of the Library documents as seemed to him best.

Ordered, - That the Committee of the City Council on the Public Library be requested to meet the Trustees in November.

Com. of City Council on Libry.

Voted, - That the thanks of the Trustees be presented to Mr. Alfred Greenough of Paris for his two valuable tracings of maps of the town of Boston in 1692 and 1698, from the original drawings in the Dépôt des Cartes de la Marine at Paris.

Mr. Alfred Greenough.

Ordered, - That the President be authorized to draw upon Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. for a sum not exceeding £100 in favor of Charles Edward Mudie, the same being in payment for an invoice of books purchased for the Dorchester Branch of the Public Library.

Mudie.

Ordered, - That the President be requested to draw upon Messrs Baring Bros & Co. in favor of Messrs Trübner & Co. for the sum of £151. 17. 11, the same being the amount of invoice of books of the 22d Sept. 1879.

Trübner.

Ordered, - That the salary of the Librarian be at the rate of $4000

Libr'ns Salary.

Oct. 14, 1879. per annum, as per agreement, from Oct. 1, 1879.

At 4 P.M. the meeting adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1879.

A special meeting of the Board was held in the Library at 3.30 P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Chase, Clarke, Abbott and Wolcott.

Mr. Greenough, the president, in the chair.

Comm. on Library of City Council.

The trustees were met by Messrs Tucker, Stebbins, Cox, Mowry, Plympton and Wheeler of the joint Committee of the City Council on the Public Library.

New Building.

The President of the Corporation stated that the trustees had asked an interview with the Committee for the purpose of laying before them the necessity of additional accommodations for the library and that steps might be taken for the acquisition of a lot of land with the view to the erection of a building thereon; and proposed to the Committee that they should examine the present building in reference to its condition and capacity for Library purposes; whereupon Mr. Alderman Tucker said that he needed no additional information on that point, that for himself he was perfectly satisfied that a new building was necessary and he had no doubt but that he expressed the opinion of the Committee. The Committee then proceeded to examine the plan of the City and discussed the availability of several lots on the new lands of the Back Bay.

The matter was allowed to rest, with

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the understanding that the President of the Board and the Mayor of the City should wait upon the Governor of the Commonwealth to see what could be done with respect to the acquisition of a lot of land on the Back Bay.

The President also stated that the time would soon come when arrangements should be made for better accommodations at the South End Branch.

After the meeting was dissolved several members of the Committee examined the Library.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday, November 18, 1879.

The trustees met in the Library at 3 o'clock P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Chase, Abbott and Wolcott.

Mr. Greenough, the president, in the chair.

The records of the last regular meeting in October were read and approved.

Trübner & Co.

Mr. Greenough reported that he had remitted to Messrs Trübner & Co. the sum of £ 157.17.11.

Also that he had written to Mr. Larned of the Young Men's Library, Buffalo, N.Y., acknowledging the receipt of the Volume of the Journal of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts Bay for the years 1715 & 1716, and thanking that association for the valuable present.

Books fr. Mudie

Mr. Greenough also stated that the books purchased from Mudie for the Dorchester Branch might be expected soon.

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Administration reported the following orders;-

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Edith D. Fuller.

Ordered, - That Edith D. Fuller be appointed assistant in the Ordering and Receiving Department from Oct. 20, 1879 at the rate of $500 per annum.

Thos. Fitzgerald.

Ordered, - That Thomas Fitzgerald be forbationally appointed assistant janitor from Nov. 5, 1879, at the rate of $500 per annum.

Maynard Young.

Ordered, - That the salary of Maynard Young be at the rate of $4.00 per week from Dec. 1, 1879.

Annie P. Call.

Ordered, - That the salary of Annie P. Call, Office Secretary, be at the rate of $750 from Sept. 1st, 1879.

Springfield St. Property.

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Branches reported that the property on Springfield St. could be purchased for $43,000.

Bank Account.

The subject of opening a Bank Account by the Library Auditor was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Express Expenses.

The Librarian was directed to consider and report on the matter of express expenses.

New England Society for supr. of vice.

Mr. Greenough from the Committee on Books read a communication from Frederick Baylies Allen Esq., Secretary of the New England Society for the suppression of Vice, containing a resolution respecting the reading of harmful books by the young, and asking the Trustees to prepare and publish a list of such books as they would especially recommend to the young. The President remarked that the Trustees were working constantly in the direction pointed out by the Society and were about to print a selection of books made by the teachers of the Public Schools. The Librarian was directed to answer the letter in accordance with the foregoing facts.

A communication was read from Mr. George R. Chase, one of the Trustees, presenting to the Library the Library table and arm-chair of Antonio Panizzi which are already in the Trustees Room. The letter was referred to the President to make suitable acknowledgement of the valuable and interesting gift.

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Panizzi Table & Chair.

Mr. Abbott for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury, Dec. 1, 1879, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $9516.27. The bills having been examined were passed by the Board.

Ordered, - That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5749.68 is hereby specially approved.

The Librarian presented his Monthly Report for October. He also reported that John Hendricks, employed as assistant janitor, in place of Thomas Collins deceased, had left the service on account of ill health and that Thomas Fitzgerald had been employed in his place.

Ass't Janitors.

He presented the resignation of Miss A. S. Baylies as an employee of the library from Oct. 31, and stated that Miss Baylies still remained temporarily in the service.

Miss Baylies.

The resignation of Francis P. Hathaway as foreman of the Library Bindery was received and referred to the Committee on Books.

F. P. Hathaway.

The Librarian read a letter from Spencer F. Baird Esq. of the Smithsonian Institute, asking for the loan of several volumes of periodicals, which could be replaced with great difficulty in case of loss. The Librarian was instructed to write Mr. Baird informing him of the rule of the Library in regard to that class of books & asking if the needed use of them could not be made here; but if not they would be sent on guaranty of replacement in case of loss.

Books loaned to Smithsonian Inst.

The Librarian reported that the West Roxbury Free Library had transferred, by proper instrument on file, to the Trustees of the Public Library the books and other property of said Library and that on the 18th inst. he had visited West Roxbury and received from C. A. Hewins Esq., President of the Free Library the books and other property which were

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the subject of the aforesaid transfer. Whereupon the following preamble and order were adopted, viz.;-

Whereas the Trustees of the West Roxbury Free Library have, by an instrument dated Nov. 15, 1879, conveyed to the Trustees of the Boston Public Library the books and other property of said Free Library, and agreeably to the terms of said instrument said property has been received by the Librarian, acting in behalf of the Trustees therefore-

West Rox. Libr'y.

Ordered,- That the Trustees accept and confirm said instrument and direct that a Library Delivery be established in said West Roxbury, in connection with said Free Library and that the Librarian under the direction of the Committee on Branches be authorized and directed to employ a suitable person to take charge of the books therein, & to have the same property catalogued and prepared for circulation; and to take such other measures as may be necessary to put said delivery station on a footing similar to those at the Lower Mills and Roslindale.

At 4.15 the meeting adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Dec. 6, 1879.

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1879.

The Trustees met in the Library at 3 P.M.
Present Messrs Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke and Haynes.

Mr. Greenough the President took the chair.

A letter from Hon. Richard Frothingham resigning his office of Trustee was read and placed on file. On motion of Mr. Abbott, it was.

Hon. Richard Frothingham.

Voted,- That the customary freedom of the alcoves be extended to Mr. Frothingham.

The Records of the last two meetings were read and approved.

The following letter was received from the City Clerk.

City Clerk's Office, Boston.
Dec. 4, 1879.

Henry W. Haynes.

This is to certify.

That Henry W. Haynes has been duly appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council of this City as a Trustee of the Public Library, of said city, in place of Richard Frothingham, resigned.

[Signed] S. F. McCleary.
City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Chase it was

Ordered,- That the Committee on Administration be instructed to consider and report such alterations in the Tables of statistics appended to the annual report as they deem expedient.

Statistics.

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Administration reported the following amendment to Article XX, of the By-laws, which was read and laid on the table, under the rule.

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Article XX,- The Office Secretary shall, under the Librarian, have charge of the Trustees Rooms and of the books, ~~and~~ pamphlets and documents kept therein; shall order and receive all supplies of stationery and printed matter and shall distribute and account for the same; shall prepare the authorized statistics of the Library, and shall discharge such other duties in attendance upon the Trustees and the Librarian as may be assigned.

Mr. Haynes from the Committee on Books reported the following order.

Edw M. Roe.

Ordered,- That Edward M. Roe be appointed pressman in the Bindery from Dec. 9, 1879, at the rate of $780 per annum.

Catalogues &c. in stock.

Mr. Haynes also reported the number of Catalogues and Finding lists in stock and presented a communication from Mr. Whitney respecting the catalogue department, which was placed on file.

Fellowes Athenaeum.

Mr. Haynes also called attention to the subject of the purchase of books by the Fellowes Athenaeum, according to the contracts of 1871 & 1872. Mr. Greenough said that he had communicated with Messrs Bradley, Ropes and Putnam on the subject. No action was taken but it was allowed to rest with the understanding that Mr. Greenough should address a note to Mr. Putnam.

Mr. Abbott for the Committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills, payable at the City Treasury Jan. 1, 1880, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $9112.30. The bills having been examined were passed by the Board.

Ordered,- That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5718.49 is hereby specially approved.

Chas. Reuter.

Ordered,- That Charles Reuter, runner at South End Branch receive $12.50 per month from Dec. 1, 1879.

Dec. 16, 1879. Trübner -

Ordered,- That the draft upon Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Messrs Trübner & Co. for the sum of £70.17.5, in payment for their invoice of books of Nov. 7th, since received at the Library, be approved & authorized.

Albéri.

Ordered,- That Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. be requested to place with Messrs Fenzi & Co., their agents in Florence, the sum of £50, to the credit of Signorina Albéri.

Gayangos.

Ordered,- That Señor Don Pascual Gayangos be authorized to draw upon Messrs Baring Bros. & Co., for the sum of £5.5 in payment for services rendered in the examination of the Guerra Portuguesa Library offered for sale by Messrs Trübner & Co.

Bank Account.

Mr. Abbott also reported that a Bank account had been opened by the library auditor with the New England Trust Fund Company.

South End Br.

Dr. Blake from the Committee on Branches reported that the subject of accommodations for the South End Branch was still under consideration,- that proposals had been received from the President of the Mercantile Library Association for the erection of a new building on their vacant land, but that no action had been taken upon it.

Book Contracts.

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Finance made a special report on the subject of contracts with the agents of the library for the purchase of books.

After some discussion it was ordered that the Librarian give notice to Messrs Little, Brown & Co. that the Trustees intend to terminate the contract of Dec. 5, 1868.

The report was laid on the Table.

By-Laws.

On motion of Mr. Abbott the By-laws were referred to a special Committee consisting of two, to consider and report what changes may be necessary. Messrs Abbott and Chase were appointed.

Mr. Whitmore Map of Boston.

The President read a letter from W. H. Whitmore asking leave to copy the map of Boston of 1693.

Dec. 16, 1879.

The Librarian was directed to inform Mr. Whitmore that a copy could be made in the Library but that the map could not be taken away.

Franklin Collection.

The President also read a letter from Dr. S. A. Green presenting to the Library a valuable collection of books, portraits and engravings relating to Benjamin Franklin.

The Librarian stated that since the collection had come to the Library, he had received from Dr. Green three autograph letters of Franklin and several pamphlets relating to him: the gift was accepted and it was Ordered, - that the thanks of the Trustees for this valuable donation be communicated to Dr. Green by the President.

Sargent.

A letter from Stephen A. Sargent soliciting the appointment as foreman of the bindery was read, also a communication to the Librarian from Andrew M. Blake acting foreman: both letters were referred to the Committee on Books, with instructions to make temporary arrangements in respect to the vacancy.

Express.

The Librarian, to whom was referred the subject of express expenses reported that he had conferred with the Proprietors or their agents and with the exception of the South End, Roslindale and Lower Mills had obtained a reduction of 20 per cent, and that the excepted expresses were already carrying at exceptionally low prices.

Allen.

The Librarian also reported that he had answered the letter of Fred. Baylies Allen Esq. respecting the reading of harmful books.

Miss Woodward.

— That under direction of the Committee on Branches he had employed Miss Woodward to take charge of the West Roxbury library.

Sibley Delivery Company.

— That he had received a letter addressed to the Trustees from Oswald J. Neff informing the Board that he had discontinued the Library Delivery Service.

At 5.20 the meeting adjourned.

Melle Chamberlin
Clerk

Jan. 20, 1880.

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1880.

The Trustees met in the Library at 3 P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke and Haynes.

Mr. Greenough, the President, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Article XX of the By-laws, as reported at the last meeting was taken from the table and adopted.

Examining Committee.

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Administration proposed the name of Mr. Abbott as chairman of the Examining Committee and the report was accepted; also the following list of names for the Examining Committee and their substitutes;—

Rev. Joseph T. Duryea D.D.	Samuel E. Herrick D.D.
James F. Hunnewell, Esq.	Robert Treat Paine Jr. Esq.
Hon. Otis Norcross.	Charles W. Settle Esq.
Clement Hugh Hill Esq.	Dr. J. P. Bowditch.
Dr. Thomas Dwight.	Dr. Chas. P. Putnam.
Samuel A. Russell Esq.	John C. Phillips Esq.

Voted, - That the Examining Committee consist of six members at large and that the Librarian give notice of the appointment and in case of any one declining notify his substitute.

By Laws Article XXIII.

Mr. Chase also reported the following amendment of article XXIII of the By-laws, which was read and laid on the table.

Article ~~XXIII~~. All persons regularly employed in the Library shall be entitled to a vacation of twenty-four secular days in the course of every year, beside the five legal holidays established by the Commonwealth; but no vacation shall be granted to any person until after a period of six months service. The Librarian will in the case of each person to arrange these days as to inter-

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fere as little as possible with the work of the institution.

No allowance will be made for absence from duty except as hereinafore provided.

Mr. Haynes for the Committee on Books made a report on the agency of Mr. Christern for foreign books, and it was

Christern.

Voted,- That the Trustees propose to Mr. Christern to furnish French books to the Library at a commission of 20 per cent on the cost of the books in Paris, exclusive of the binding for which we agree to pay the actual cost.

Flügel

Voted,- That for purposes of economy the Library discontinue sending orders to Flügel and that Mr. Christern take the German agency for the Library hereafter at the same rate as the French.

Trübner.

Voted,- That the Librarian be authorized to open an account with Messrs Trübner & Co. for the purchase of new English books for three months from March 1, under such arrangements as the Committee may approve.

Mr. Abbott for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Feb. 1, 1880 and amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $10688.67. The bills having been examined were passed by the Board.

Ordered,- That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5734.35 is hereby specially approved.

A. M. Blake.

Ordered,- That Mr. Blake, acting foreman of the Bindery receive a salary at the rate of $100 per month for the time that he occupies that position.

Marion L. Woodward.

Ordered,- That Marion L. Woodward be appointed Delivery Agent at West Roxbury at the rate of $100 per annum from Jan. 6, 1880, and that she further receive a compensation of 25 cts per hour

for the extra time she has been upon catalogue work before opening the Delivery. — Jan. 20, 1880.

Ordered,- That the salary of Miss A. A. Nichols, auditor, be fixed at $800 per year, to take effect on the first day of May last past. — Miss Nichols.

Ordered, That the President be authorized to draw upon Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. in a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds sterling in favor of Messrs Trübner & Co. to pay for invoices of books which may be received before the next monthly meeting of the Trustees. — Baring Bros. & Co. to Trübner.

Ordered,- That Mrs. E. S. Collins be allowed at the rate of 25¢ per hour for extra assistance in the newspaper room from Jan. 9, 1880. — ~~Miss Nichols~~

Ordered,- That the compensation of Mr. F. B. Perkins be at the rate of $1800 per annum from May 1, 1879. — F. B. Perkins.

Ordered,- That the draft upon Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Messrs Trübner & Co. for the sum of £92.17.2, in payment for their invoice of books of Dec. 15, 1879, since received at the Library be approved and authorized. — Baring Bros. & Co. to Trübner.

Mr. Abbott, for the Committee on Branches presented a petition from citizens at Grove Hall for the establishment of a Branch. The petition was referred to the Committee. — Grove Hall.

On motion of Mr. Abbott the President was requested to send a communication informing the City Government that the lease of rooms occupied by the South End Branch will expire in the Spring and that the present accommodations are inadequate for the purposes of that Library. — South End Br.

The Librarian read a communication from Mr. F. B. Perkins dated 18 Dec. 1879, resigning his position after the month of Dec. 1879, and reported that by subsequent arrangement Mr. Perkins left the service at the close of Dec. 23. — F. B. Perkins.

The Librarian also reported

— That Mrs. Collins, widow of the late assistant janitor, had — Mrs. Collins.

Feb. 3, 1880. been temporarily employed in assorting newspapers at the pay of 25 cents per hour.

West Roxbury. — That the West Roxbury Delivery had been organized agreeably to instructions approved by the Committee on Branches.

Little, Brown & Co. — That he had given notice to Messrs Little, Brown & Co. of the intention of the Trustees to terminate their contract dated Dec. 5, 1868.

Thos. H. Cummings — He also presented a report from Thomas H. Cummings, curator of the Lower Hall card catalogue showing the extent of his work. The report was referred to the Committee on Books.

The Librarian laid before the Board

Cushing's Manual MS. a letter from Mrs. Frances W. Porter in behalf of the heirs of the late Luther S. Cushing presenting to the Library the Manuscript of his Manual of Parliamentary Practice, whereupon it was

Voted, - That the Trustees gratefully receive the valuable gift and return thanks to the Donors.

At 5.15 the meeting adjourned.

Melleu Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1880.

A Special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 3 o'clock P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Abbott, Chase and Haynes. Mr. Greenough in the chair.

Petition for Land. Mr. Greenough stated that it was desirable that the Trustees should present a petition to the Legislature for the donation to the City of Boston of a lot of land West of Charles St. for the purpose of erecting a new building thereon: whereupon Mr. Haynes presented the following draft of a petition, which was adopted and ordered to be engrossed and signed by all members present:-

To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled.

The Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston respectfully petition your honorable body that a suitable lot of land from the property of the Commonwealth lying and situate to the west of the Public Garden, in said Boston be granted to the said City for the site of a building for said Public Library.

On motion of Mr. Haynes from the Committee on Books it was

Christern. Voted, - To reconsider the vote passed at the last meeting respecting the proposed contract with Mr. Christern: whereupon the following vote was passed.

Voted, - That the Trustees propose to Mr. Christern to furnish books to the Library at 5 per cent commission on the cost with the expenses of importation.

At 3.45 the meeting adjourned.

Melleu Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday Feb. 17. 1880

The trustees met in the Library at 3 P. M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Abbott, Clarke, Haynes & Pratt

Committee of the City Council present. There were also present from the Committee of the city council on the Public Library, Aldermen Thorndike, Slade & Whidden, & councilmen O'Donnell, Dudley, Pratt, Child, Horsley and Coe.

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Mr. Greenough, the president, took the chair.

Mr. Abbott for the committee on Finance offered the following vote, which was fully explained by the committee from the city council and accepted.

Estimate of Expenditures for 1880-81

Voted, — That the following estimate be adopted, of the items required for the coming year, to defray the expenses of maintenance of the Central Library, in Boylston St., and of the eight branches, at East Boston, South Boston, Roxbury, Charlestown, Brighton, Dorchester, & Jamaica Plain Districts and the North End, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of $115.00, as follows:

Books	17000
Binding	3000
Catalogue	4000
Fuel	2000
Furniture & Fixtures	2250
Gas	5000
Expense	3000.
Printing & Stationery	4500
Salaries	72000
Transportation	2250
	$115,000

Accommodations for South End.

Mr Abbott also stated the progress of negotiations respecting accommodations for the South End Branch. The committee on the Library then withdrew.

At 4 P.M. the trustees came to order, Mr Greenough, the president, in the chair.

The following communication from the City Clerk was received.

City Clerk's office
Boston, Jan. 29. 1880.

This is to certify

That Hugh O'Brien of the Board of Aldermen, and Charles E. Pratt of the common council have been duly elected by concurrent vote of the city council "Trustees of the Public Library of the city of Boston," for the present municipal year, and until others are chosen in their places.

Trustees on the part of the city council.

[Signed] S. F. McCleary
City Clerk

The records of the last two meetings were read and approved.

Mr Haynes from the committee on Books, reported the following vote:

Voted, — That Mr. Christern's proposition to furnish French books to the Library at the rate of twenty four cents to a franc be accepted

Christern's proposition in respect to French Books accepted

Mr. Abbott for the committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the city treasury, March 1. 1880, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $9997.50. The bills having been examined were passed by the Board

Ordered, That the pay roll included in the requisition, amounting to $5733.69, is hereby specially approved.

Ordered, That the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros & Co., in favor of Messrs. Trübner & Co. for the sum of £48. 10. 10, for invoice

Baring Bros & Co to Trübner & Co.

Ordered, That the President be authorized to draw on Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Messrs Trübner & Co for amount not exceeding £100 for invoice to arrive before the next regular meeting of the trustees

same

Ordered, That the President request Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. to place £100. with their agent in Leipzig to the credit of

Dr Felix Flugel

Feb. 17. 1880 — Dr. Felix Flugel

Salaries of Employes

Ordered, That the salaries of the employes be referred to the Finance Committee to report at the next meeting

Article XXIII

Ordered, That article XXIII of the By-laws as offered by the Committee on Administration at the meeting held Jan. 20., be adopted to take effect May 1. 1880

The Librarian reported,

Mary Grailey

That Mary Grailey, aged 15, had been temporarily appointed assistant at Brighton, in place of Bridget Grailey, who is away on account of ill health — at the rate of $150. per annum.

That all members of the Examining committee had accepted.

Mrs. Collins

That Mrs Collins completed the work for which she was engaged, Feb. 7.

At 5 P.M. the meeting adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday March 16. 1880

The trustees met in the Library at 3 o'clock P.M., present, Messrs Greenough, Abbott, Close, Clarke & Haynes — the president, Mr. Greenough in the Chair.

The records of the last meeting were read & approved

Agency for German Books — Christern — Deuerlich

Mr. Haynes, for the Committee on Books, laid before the Board Mr. Christern's letter, dated March 2nd, respecting the agency for German books; and in accordance with his recommendation, it was Voted, that the Librarian correspond with Deuerlich of Gottingen, with the view to ascertain the terms on which he could furnish German books

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Trübner's agency for English Books & Periodicals

Mr Haynes also presented the letter of Messrs. Trübner & Co, dated Feb. 10. 1880, in which they accept the terms proposed by the trustees in the Librarian's letter of Jan. 28. 1880; & also stating the terms on which they would supply the Library with periodicals

Vote on the same subjects.

Voted, that the Librarian inform Messrs. Trübner & Co. that that portion of their letter which relates to Books is satisfactory to the trustees; but that in respect to periodicals, no arrangement will be made until the expiration of the present years subscriptions.

Sanford. Thomas. Salaries increased.

Mr. Haynes also reported a recommendation of the same committee, that the compensation of Mr Sanford, finisher in the bindery, be increased to twenty dollars per week; & that of Frank Thomas, apprentice, to seven dollars per week: and these recommendations were adopted.

Frank Ryder.

Also, that Frank Ryder be temporarily employed in the bindery, as forwarder, at the rate of $936. per annum, from Feb. 26. 1880, which was ordered

Thomas H. O'Kane

Ordered, that Thomas H. O'Kane be employed as a runner in Bates Hall at the rate of $182. per annum.

Monthly bills

Mr Abbott for the committee on finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the city treasury, April 1. 1880, and amounting as per cash book of this date, to the sum of $10115. 55. The bills having been examined, were passed by the Board

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the aggregation, amounting to $5701.59, is hereby specially approved

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Lee & Shepard.

Ordered, that the special requisition upon the City Treasurer, for the sum of $1462.86, in favor of Lee & Shepard, is hereby approved, the same being to cover accounts due for annual subscriptions for periodicals.

Edw. G. Allen.

Ordered, That the draft upon Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of Edw. G. Allen, for the sum of £14.18.6, be authorized & approved.

Trubner & Co

Ordered, That the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., in favor of Messrs. Trubner & Co. for amount not exceeding £100. for invoice to arrive before the next regular meeting of the trustees.

Salaries

The committee on Finance to whom was referred the matter of salaries asked for further time.

Mr Robinson's Salary

Mr Robinson, the Registration clerk, petitioned for increase of salary. Referred to the committee on Finance

Prof Treadwell's Estate

A communication from John Noble in behalf of the trustees under the will of Professor Treadwell was read and ordered to be placed on file

By-Laws Article XXIII.

Article XXIII of the By-Laws was taken from the table, and on motion of Mr Chase, amended by striking out the word "herein-after" & instead thereof inserting "herein".

By-Laws Article XXVI

Mr Abbott gave notice that at the next meeting he would offer the following change in art. XXVI of the By Laws: to strike out all after the word "consent".

Prince Library

The Librarian reported that the Prince Library had been removed to above eighty eight: also

That he had asked for estimates for widening the ante room to the Boston Library, into which he proposed to transfer

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the Thayer books, & by the use of the old Prince room, to dispense with one stack of the Boston book cases.

He also reported the following changes in the Library service:

John H. O'Kane

Feb. 24. Engaged Thomas H. O'Kane as runner in Bates Hall, at $182 per annum.

Frank Ryder

Feb. 26. Engaged Frank Ryder temporarily in the Bindery, as forwarder, at the rate of Eighteen dollars per week.

Office secretary

March 2. That he received on this day notice from Miss Annie P. Hall, office secretary, that she could leave the service on Saturday, the 6th. inst; & that she left at that time: also, that in the meantime he had discharged the duties of office secretary

East Boston Branch service

March 15. Miss Godfrey of the East Boston Branch reported that Miss Lennon, the substitute employed to serve in the absence of the assistants, had herself been sick about six weeks; and that she had engaged Miss Hattie F. Ellis at 25 cents per hour, in her place.

The meeting dissolved

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk

Tuesday April 20. 1880

The trustees met in the Library at 3. P.M.: present, Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke, Haynes & Pratt.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair

The records of the last meeting were read & approved: The following communication from the city clerk of the City of Boston was read:

City Clerk's Office
Boston, April 10. 1880

Hon. M. Chamberlain

Sir:

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George B. Chase appointed trustee.

This is to certify that George B. Chase has been duly appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by concurrent vote of the city council as a trustee of the Public Library of the City of Boston for the term of five years from the first Monday of May A.D. 1880

S. F. McCleary
City Clerk.

Monthly Bills

Mr Pratt, for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the city treasury, May 1. 1880, amounting as per cash book of this date, to the sum of $9819.52 The bills having been examined were approved by the Board

Ordered, that the pay roll included in the requisition amounting to $5.759.25, is hereby specially approved.

Messrs Frühauf & Co

Ordered, that the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of Messrs. Frühauf & Co for amount not exceeding £100. for invoice to arrive before next regular meeting of the trustees

Sig.r Alberi

Ordered, that Messrs. Baring Bros & Co. be requested to place with their agents in Florence the sum of £50 to the credit of Signorina Alberi.

Edw. G. Allen

Ordered, that the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros & Co. in favor of Edward G. Allen for the sum of £10.7.6 for binding, as per invoice March 31. 1880

Rockwell & Churchill

Ordered, that the President be authorized to sign a special requisition upon the city treasury for a sum not exceeding $1256.16 – the same being to cover the amount due Messrs. Rockwell & Churchill for printing Charlestown catalogue –

Brinley purchase

Ordered, that the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros & Co. for the sum of £89.13.8, the

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same being to cover account due Geo. A. Leavitt & Co. for books bought at the Brinley sale.

The special Committee on salaries made the following report which was adopted. viz:

Central Library:

Chamberlain, Mellen,	$4.000	
Whitney, James L.	2.500	
Foster, William L.	1.700	
Knapp, A. M.	1.900	
Hubbard, J. M.	1.600	
Ford. Wm. E.	1.500	
Tiffany, Edward	1.500	
Garrett, J. F.	1.750	
Griffin, S. P. L.	1.400	
Bradshaw E.	.275	July 1. 1880
Robinson, Wm. F.	1.000	
Adams. W. G.	900	
Nichols, S. S.	800	
Pike, N. N.	750	
Green. N. E.	750	
Scott, Lindsay	8.50	
Keen, A. D. C.	7.00	
Knowles, Lydia F.	6.00	
Jordyn, Susan A.	1.00	July 1. 1880
McGrath, Mary A.	600	
Bayles, Adeline S		May 1. 1880
Hewins. Josephine	600	
Pope, Caroline E.	600	
Cummings, Thos H.	700	600. till your opinion: you that 500.
Reed, Eliza T.	600	
Fuller. Edith D.	700	
Pope, Alice M.	500	
Mack, Eliza J.	500	
Mack, Sarah A.	500	
Osgood, Mary F.	500	
Sullivan, Jerry	600	

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White John	500
Jenkins, Mary A.	500
Whyte, Thomas	500
Kennedy, Anne M.	400
Bresnahan, Ellen E.	400.
McCarty, E. Fanny	400
Dillon, Ella	400
Ross, Robt B.	300
Bennett, J. P.	300
Blaisdell Frank	312
Ray Richard	260
Sturmy, Ella	260
Doyle, Margaret	300
McConnell, Saml	208
Payne, Richard S	260
Young, W. M. L.	260
Knight, A. S.	260
Donovan, Robt J.	208
O'Kane, Thomas	182
Speck, J. W.	182
Ferris, Wm	182
Kehoe, Andrew J.	182
McGrath, Joth. A.	156
Clifford, Margaret	156
Richards, Florence	156
Shea, Annie G.	156
Sheridan, Maggie A.	260
Appleton, Saml C.	469.50, $1.50 per diem
Eastman Roxanna	360.

Bindery

Blake, AM	1200
Lerri, Romeo	1000
Healy, Michael	1000
Sandford, Peleg	1040
Roe, Edward M.	780

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Wheeler, Martha	494
Austin, Mary E.	494
Moriarty, Mary G.	468
Bowen, Sarah E.	416
Thomas Frank A.	364

East Boston.

Horsea, Geo. H.	600
Goddard, Sarah J.	700
Gray, Mary R.	500
Wing, Alice M.	500
Lathrop, M. E.	350
Substitutes	425

South Boston

Baker, Joseph	600
Bragdon, Alice J.	700
Daves, Emma	500
Eaton, E. A.	500
McCarty Honora	450
Sampson Ida	350
Substitutes	325

Roxbury

Lewis, Chas R.	700
Bunker, Sarah	600
Bradley, Mary	500
Pepper, Dora	350
Bell, Helen M.	350
Bird, Maggie E.	208
Substitutes	350

Charlestown

Carter L. L.	1000

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Smith Thomas	300
Steele Annie	500
Swain Mary P.	500
Davis Anne C.	156
James Mary	104
Substitutes	575

Brighton

Brock, Mary E.	500
Bock James M.	500
Grailey, M. F.	150
Substitutes	87

Dorchester

Coffin, Mary G.	600
Davenport, Edw.	400
Whiton, Esther R.	500
Sheridan, Jennie	400
Substitutes	45

Lower Mills Delivery

Hill, M. A.	125

Jamaica Plain

Davis Eliza R.	600
Barton, Anne J.	500
Johnson, Jemo	300
Substitutes	400

Roslindale Delivery

Bourthope Samuel J.	83.33

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West Roxbury Delivery

Woodward, Marion L.	100
Janitor	25

South End

Austin Milton Whipple

Moses, Maud	400
Hinckley, Esther M.	182
Reuter, Charles H.	150
Substitutes	125

On motion of Mr Haynes the subject of employing some person to assist in supplying deficiencies in the library, & advising in regard to the purchase of newly published books was referred to the committee on books — Library assistant

The President presented a letter from the treasurer of Fellows Athenæum which was read & ordered to be placed on file — Fellows Athenæum

The Librarian reported that the Charlestown Catalogue could be completed by the 26th. inst: and that, with the consent of the committee on Branches, he had directed that the Library (with the exception of the Reading Room) should be closed for two weeks from that date, to make the changes necessary for the classification of books: and had also authorized the Librarian to employ the needed assistants, not exceeding three — Librarian's report. Charlestown Branch closed

He laid before the trustees a special report of J. H. Cummings, curator of the Lower Hall catalogue, which was referred to the book committee — J. H. Cummings Report.

He also reported that he had entered into negotiations with A. A. Kingman for the printing — A. A. Kingman

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of catalogue cards & broadsides, at an expense not exceeding fourteen cents a title for thirteen copies to be printed on an average of twenty four titles a day.

S. A. Kingman's proposal for printing cards &c

Ordered that the librarian be authorized to enter into a contract with said Kingman for one year conformably to the foregoing negotiations

Thomas Fitzgerald

He further reported the following changes in the Library service: Thomas Fitzgerald, assistant janitor, left the service March 25th, & John White was employed in his place.

John White

Henry F. Barnett

Henry F. Barnett, runner, left the service March 31

Frank Ryder

Frank Ryder, forwarder in the Bindery left March 26th.

Fellows Atheneum

He also reported that he had been requested by Mr Dijswell, in behalf of the Fellows Atheneum, to recommend books for that Library to the amount of $800

Closing door ways in the basement:

He called attention to the subject of closing with brick the door ways between the fire room & the duplicate room in the basement. Referred to the committee on administration with full powers: as was also the subject of introducing water at the Brighton Branch.

Water at Brighton.

Thayer room.

He reported that the Thayer Room had been fitted up with shelves at an expense of $150: & that the Thayer & other books were being removed from the Barlow room.

Runner for Bates H.

The librarian was authorized to employ an additional runner for Bates Hall

XXVIth. Rule

The proposed amendment of the XXVIth. by striking out all after "consent", was laid on the table

VIIth. Rule

Mr. Haynes proposed to amend VIIth. Rule, Section 1, so as to read as follows: The furniture, fixtures, care, ventilation, repair, alterations, heating and lighting of all buildings, and the care of the books and grounds.

Adjourned at 4.15

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk

Tuesday, April 27. 1880

April 27. 1880

A special meeting of the trustees was held in the Library at 3½ o'clock, P.M. Present, Messrs Greenough, Rose, Clarke & Haynes.

Mr Greenough, the president, in the chair: Reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with

Ordered That the City Treasurer be requested to transmit to Messrs Baring Bros & Co, in sterling, to be placed to the credit of the trustees, the sum of £6.360.39 being the balance for 1880 of the funds in his hands belonging to the trustees

Funds to be transmitted to Barings.

The petition of the residents of the Westerly part of ward twenty three for daily delivery of books, & direct communication with the Central Library was referred to the committee on Branches

West Roxbury petition.

Adjourned at 4 P.M.

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk

April 30. 1880

Friday April 30. 1880

A special meeting of the trustees was held at 3 o'clock P. M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Haynes & Prat

Mr. Greenough, the President, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of the trustees held severally on the 20th & 27th inst. were read and approved: and the votes done at the first of said meetings were specially confirmed.

Rockwell & Churchill in relation to the Charlestown Catalogue

Voted, that the order passed on the 20th. inst. authorizing the president to sign a special requisition on the city treasurer for a sum not exceeding $1256.16, due Messrs. Rockwell & Churchill for printing the Charlestown Catalogue is hereby rescinded.

Whereupon it was

Ordered, that the president be authorized to sign a special requisition upon the city treasurer for a sum not exceeding $1874.26. the same being the amount due Messrs Rockwell & Churchill for printing the Charlestown Catalogue

same

Reconstruction of Lower Hall Service

On motion of Mr. Abbott, voted to refer the reconstruction of the Lowell Hall service to the Committee on Branches

On motion of Mr Chase,

Monthly meetings of the Corporation

Ordered, that the stated meetings of the corporation shall be hereafter held on the Tuesday of each month, which shall come on or before the twentieth day of the month.

Milton Austin

Susan A. Forlyn

Ordered, that the services of Milton Austin, Librarian of the South End Branch, and of Miss Susan A. Forlyn, having charge of the Patent Room, be dispensed with — the former on the first of June next, and the latter, on the first of July next, ensuing. At 4 P. M. adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk

Monday May 3. 1880

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The trustees held their meeting for organization agreeably to the act of incorporation, at 3 o'clock P.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Haynes, O'Brien & Pratt.

Organization 1880–81

President chosen.

Mellen Chamberlain, the clerk of the last year, called the meeting to order, and the trustees proceeded to the election of a president. All the ballots cast were for William W. Greenough Esq. & he was declared to be duly elected.

After some appropriate remarks by the president, the trustees proceeded to ballot for a clerk, and Mellen Chamberlain was elected, who thereupon took the oath of office as administered by Samuel A. B. Abbott Esq. of which the following is a certificate

Clerk chosen

Suffolk ss. May 3. 1880

Then personally appeared the above named Mellen Chamberlain and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of the clerk of the corporation

Clerk sworn

Before me

S. A. B. Abbott Justice of the Peace

Ordered that the By-Laws of the last year continue in force until others are adopted in their stead.

By-Laws

Messrs. Chase & Abbott were appointed a committee to report By-Laws for the corporation

Committee on By Laws.

Ordered, that the next regular meeting of the corporation be held on Tuesday, May 18th., at 3 o'clock P.M.

The trustees then proceed to elect a Librarian and Mellen Chamberlain was chosen by ballot.

Librarian chosen

At 3.45 P.M. adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk

May 18th, 1880.

Tuesday, May 18th, 1880.

The Trustees met in the Library at 3 P.M. Present — Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clark, and Haynes. The President, Mr. Greenough in the chair. The records of the meetings of the 30th of April, and 3d of May were read and approved.

The President appointed the following standing committees:—

Standing Committees.

Administration: Messrs. Chase, Abbott, & O'Brien.
Books: Messrs. Haynes, Clark, & Chase.
Finance: Messrs. Abbott, O'Brien, & Pratt.
Branches: Messrs. Clark, Abbott, & Pratt.

The Librarian presented his monthly report.

Petition of Milton Austin.

Mr. Clark, from the committee on Branches, reported on the petition of Milton Austin, the Librarian of the South End Branch, for employment during the dull season after the first of June, that the request be referred to the Librarian, with authority to employ Mr. Austin for a limited time, should the business of that branch require his services. Adopted.

Trust Funds Accounts.

Mr. Abbott, from the committee on Finance, submitted a statement of Trust Funds Accounts at the close of the Library year, 1879-80, which was read & ordered to be placed on file.

Bills payable by City Treas.

Also, a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury, June 1, 1880, amounting as per cash book of this date, to the sum of $8,810.79. The bills having been duly examined, ~~they~~ were approved by the Board.

He also reported the following orders, which were adopted. viz.:—

Pay-roll of $5,571.16

Ordered, That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to $5,571.16, is hereby specially approved.

Bills on Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Trübner & Co.

Ordered, That the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bro. & Co., in favor of Messrs. Trübner & Co., for amount not exceeding £100 for invoices to arrive before next regular meeting of the Trustees.

Geo. K. Merrill - B. H. runner.

Ordered, That Geo. K. Merrill be employed as Bates Hall runner, at the rate of $3.50 per week, from May 12th, 1880.

Richard Ray's salary.

Ordered, That the salary of Richard Ray be at the rate of $6.00 per week from May 1, 1880.

Miss H. E. Green's salary.

Ordered, That the salary of Miss H. E. Green, of the catalogue department be at the rate of $900. per annum from May 1, 1880.

Unbound Books.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, the subject of the accumulation of unbound books in the Binding was referred to the committee on Books to consider and report what steps should be taken with regard to the same.

Foster Engravings.

The matter of the removal of the Foster engravings hanging upon the walls of various apartments of the Library was referred to Messrs. Abbott, Chase, & Haynes, with full powers.

Rev. J. M. Hubbard.

The Librarian reported that the resignation of Rev. James M. Hubbard, assistant librarian, took effect May 1, though he remained some days for the purpose of completing the second part of the Barton catalogue. Also, that Miss Adeline C. Bayliss left the service April 30th.

Miss A. C. Bayliss.

Geo. K. Merrill.

That Geo. K. Merrill has been engaged as a runner in Bates Hall, at the rate of $3.50 per week.

F. Allen.

Also, That he has engaged Frederick Allen as a finisher in the Binding, at the salary of $20. per week:

W. F. Sampson.

and Wm. F. Sampson at the rate of $1000. per annum.

He also reported on the state of the work in the Binding.

At 4:10, adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

June 15, 1880.

Tuesday, June 15th, 1880.

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 3 o'clock P.M. — present, Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, & Clarke. The President in the chair. The reading of the records was deferred, and Mr. Abbott, for the committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at City Treasury July 1, 1880, amounting as per cash book ~~of~~ this date, to the sum of $8667.26. The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Bills Payable by City Treas.

He also submitted the following orders, which were adopted: viz.:—

Pay-roll.

Ordered, That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5747.26 is hereby specially approved.

Bills on Barry Bros & Co. in favor of Trübner & Co.

Ordered, That the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Barry Bros & Co., in favor of Messrs. Trübner & Co., for amount not exceeding £700 for invoice to arrive before next regular meeting of the Trustees.

Fred. Allen.

Ordered, That Frederick Allen be employed in the Binding at the rate of $1040 per annum from June 1, 1880.

Wm. F. Sampson.

Ordered, That Wm. F. Sampson be employed in the Binding at the rate of $1000 from May 25, 1880.

F. W. Kleisdell

Ordered, That Fred. W. Kleisdell be employed in the ordering department at the rate of $182 pr. an., from May 24, 1880.

F. Von Olker.

Ordered, That Frederick Von Olker be employed for extra runner service at the rate of 10¢ per hour.

A. F. Kinnartin.

Ordered, That A. F. Kinnartin be employed as runner at the Charlestown Branch at the rate of $2.00 pr. week.

Mr. Greenough submitted the report of the Examining Committee, and also that of the Librarian.

The President, being ill, then left the chair, which was taken by Rev. Dr. Clarke. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Librarian submitted his monthly report in writing:

Romeo Avi's Resignation.

He also reported that Romeo Avi had resigned his position as forwarder in the Binding; but still remains in the service to await the action of the Trustees on the acceptance of his resignation.

Miss A. J. Wilson. Miss S. R. Brock.

That Miss A. J. Wilson, extra assistant of the Brighton Branch, resigned June 5th, and Miss Sarah R. Brock was appointed temporarily in her place, June 7th, at the same compensation.

Miss Ella Stormy.

That Miss Ella Stormy, runner in the Lower Hall, left the service on the 10th of June.

Richard Payne.

That Richard Payne left the service in the Entry Department, May 20, and that Frederick W. Kleisdell was employed in his place from May 21.

F. Von Olker.

That Frederick Von Olker has been employed as an extra runner in the Lower Hall, at the rate of 10 cents an hour.

A. F. Kinnartin.

That A. F. Kinnartin has been employed as runner at the Charlestown Branch, at the rate of $2.00 per week.

Lower Hall & Reading Room Closed.

That he proposes to close the Lower Hall & Reading Room from June 21 to July 5th, both inclusive, for repairs; and that books would be delivered and received through Bates Hall from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M., which was approved.

Contract with A. A. Kingman.

That he had entered into a written contract with A. A. Kingman for printing cards for the catalogue and broadsides, which was read & ordered to be approved by the chairman pro tem.

Lower Hall & Read'g Room.

Voted, that the Lower Hall be closed at 8 P.M. during July and August, and the Reading Room at 9 P.M.: and that the evening service be called in at 6 o'clock, instead of 7 o'clock P.M.

17th of June.

Voted, To close the Library the 17th of June.

Miss Otis.

At the suggestion of Rev. Dr. Clarke, — Voted, that Miss Otis be employed in the Library, at her request, without pay.

Bill for Carpeting.

The bills for carpeting the Barton, Prince and Mr. Whitney's private room were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Adjourned to Tuesday, 22d, at 3 P.M.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

June 22, 1880.

Tuesday, June 22, 1880.

An adjourned meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at three o'clock P.M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Chase, and Haynes. The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Annual Report.

The President submitted a draft of the annual report of the Trustees, which was read, and agreed to by those present.

Letter from Mr. Abbott.

The President also laid before the Trustees a letter from Mr. Abbott respecting the annual report, which was read.

Mr. Haynes called attention to the fact that

Committee on Administration

his name did not appear on the list of the committee on Administration, as it did last year.

The President said that he had no intention, in making the nominations, of omitting Mr. Haynes' name from that committee; but how the error arose, he could not say.

Mr. Chase said he understood that Mr. Haynes was to be appointed on the committee on Administration.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

July 1, 1880.

Tuesday, July 1, 1880, – A special meeting of the corporation was held in the Trustees Room at 3:15 P.M. – present, Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke, and Pratt.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Abbott resigns from Com. of Ad. – and Mr. Haynes appointed.

Mr. Abbott resigned from the Committee on Administration, and Mr. Haynes was appointed in his place.

Letter of E. E. Hale.

Mr. Greenough read a letter from Rev. Dr. Hale respecting the purchase of books, and other matters connected with the Fellowes Athenæum, which was referred to the Committee on Branches.

28th Annual Report

The President read the Twenty-Eighth Annual Report of the Trustees, which was approved, and it was ordered that the signatures of the Trustees be affixed to the same.

Amendments of the By-Laws

The proposed amendments of the by-laws were taken from the table and considered: pending the consideration, it was voted to postpone the subject to the Saturday preceding the monthly meeting in October.

Voted – That the Barton Catalogue be sold at such price as may be determined by the President and the Librarian. Barton Catalogue.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

July 20, 1880, Tuesday, P.M. July 20, 1880.

3:30 o'clock, a meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library, present – Messrs. Abbott and Clarke.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Greenough, Rev. Dr. Clarke was chosen President pro tempore. Dr. Clarke Pres't pro tem.

Reading of the records of last meeting dispensed with.

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at City Treasury Aug. 1, 1880, amounting, as per cash book of this date to the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-three and Fifty-one one hundredths Dollars. Bills amounting to $9,573:51

The bills, having been duly examined, were approved by the Board.

Ordered, That the Pay-roll included in the Requisition, amounting to Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-seven and Seventy-seven one-hundredths Dollars, is hereby specially approved. Pay-roll of $5,557:77

Ordered, That the President (or President pro tempore) be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of Messrs. Trübner & Co. for amount not exceeding One Hundred pounds for invoice to arrive before the next regular meeting of the Trustees. Draft on Baring Bros & Co., in favor of Trübner & Co – £ 100.

Ordered, That Rev. Jas. Freeman Clarke, the President pro tempore, be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor

of Trübner & Co for the sum of Fifteen pounds 7/7 to pay for books recently arrived.

Romeo Cervi $1100.—

Ordered, That the salary of Romeo Cervi be at the rate of $1100. per annum, from July 1, 1880.

Geo. B. Hatch $750.—

Ordered, That the salary of Geo. B. Hatch, temporary office secretary, be at the rate of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars per annum from June 21, 1880.

Miss H. N. Pike, $900.—

Ordered, That the salary of Miss H. N. Pike be at the rate of Nine Hundred Dollars from May 1, 1880.

Miss Mary Pope $500.—

Ordered, That Miss Mary Pope, as substitute for Miss Nichols during her vacation, be allowed at the rate of Five Hundred Dollars per annum.

Miss Nichols. $840. May 1, 1880-May 1, 1881.

Ordered, That the salary of Miss Nichols be increased to Eight Hundred and Forty Dollars, from the first of May, 1880, until the first of May, 1881.

Report of Com^tee on Branches.

The report of the Committee on Branches, respecting the communication of Rev. Dr. Hale, in behalf of the Trustees of Fellowes Athenæum, dated 29th June, 1880, was read and accepted, and its recommendations adopted, and it was —

Fellowes Athenæum

Ordered, That the President reply to the letter of Rev. E. E. Hale in behalf of the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, setting forth the facts contained in the first part of the report of the Committee on Branches upon that letter, and stating that in the opinion of this Corporation, the City of Boston has fulfilled the terms of its agreement with the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum.

Voted, In the opinion of the Trustees of the Boston

Public Library, it is expedient, proper, and for the best interests of the City of Boston that the present agreement between the City of Boston and the Fellowes Athenæum terminate as soon as possible; and they therefore respectfully recommend that the City Council cause to be given to the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum the six months notice required by the agreement of the intention of the City to terminate the same.

Ordered, That the President be directed to communicate this vote to the City Council with the reasons for adopting the same.

Duties of Janitors.

The following orders respecting the duties of Janitors, reported by the Committee on Branches, were read and adopted:

1° The janitors of the several branches shall warm, light, clean and keep in good order the rooms of their branches, and clear the paths and sidewalks of snow, and cut the grass on the grounds and care for the same.

2° They shall act as Librarians' Messengers.

3° They shall be present and preserve order in the entrance halls at such times, and perform such other duties as the Librarian may require.

4° In case of any unexpected and unprovided for absence of the working force of the branch, the janitor shall, so far as may be in his power, afford assistance to the Librarian.

The Librarian reported:—

John W. Speak

That John W. Speak, Gates Hall runner, left the service,

June 26th.

Susan A. Joslyn. — That Mrs. Susan A. Joslyn, of the Patent Room, left the service June 30th.

Albridge Braashaw — That Albridge Braashaw, Librarian of the Lower Hall, left the service June 30th.

Wm. J. Sweeney. — That he had engaged Wm. J. Sweeney, at One Dollar per diem to attend the elevator from the Lower Hall during the close of that department for repairs.

Geo. B. Stated — That he had engaged Mr. Geo. B. Stated, temporarily, as office secretary, at the salary of Sixty-two Dollars and one-half per month.

He laid before the Trustees a note from Miss Rice — also —

A note from Mr. Griffin.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday August 17. 1880.

August 17, 1880. 3 o'clock P. M. a meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library — present Messrs. Grunough, Clarke and O'Brien.

Mr. Grunough, the President, in the chair.

The records of the special meeting of the Trustees held July 1, 1880. were read and approved.

The records of the last meeting were read and it was

Records of meeting of July 20. — Ordered, That the records of the meeting of the Trustees held July 20. as the same have been read by the Clerk, are hereby specially approved; and

that all votes and orders at said meeting, together with all acts in pursuance thereof are hereby approved and adopted as legal votes, orders, and acts of the Trustees.

Fellowes Athenaeum. — On motion of Rev. Dr. Clarke, it was voted to reconsider the vote of the last meeting of the Trustees recommending the City Council to cause to be given to the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum the six months notice required by the agreement of the intention of the City to terminate the same and the same was laid on the table.

Committee to confer with Trustees of same. — Ordered. That Mr. Grunough and Dr. Clarke be a committee to confer with the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum in respect to the contract with the City.

Payment of inaudited bills exceeding $10. — The President laid before the Board a certified copy of a vote of the Committee on Accounts of the City government, in respect to the payment of inaudited bills exceeding Ten Dollars in amount.

The same was read and ordered to be placed on file.

17. September — Also, a communication from the Board of Aldermen respecting the close of the various Departments of the City government on the 17. of September next; upon which, it was ordered, that the Public Library and Branches thereof be closed on the aforesaid day, without loss of pay by the employés.

— City of Boston —

In Committee on Accounts.

Tuesday, June 29. 1880.

Whereas, The Ordinance on Finance requires that, "All bills before payment shall be examined by the Auditor of Accounts and approved by the Committee on Accounts," and as a practice has grown up in several departments of paying bills and accounts of large amounts before being presented

to the Auditor, it is hereby —

Voted, That the Boards and Heads of Departments in which this custom has become prevalent, cease hereafter to pay any bill, pay-roll, or account exceeding the sum of Ten Dollars, without its being first submitted to the Auditor of Accounts for auditing.

A true copy.
Attest.
(signed) John Taylor
Clerk.

—— City of Boston ——
In Board of Aldermen.
August 9, 1880.

Ordered: —

That the City Hall and the various Departments of the City Government be closed on the Seventeenth of September next.

17th September Library to be closed

Ordered: —

That all persons employed by the City, whose services can be dispensed with, be allowed a holiday on the Seventeenth of September next without loss of pay.

Passed in Common Council.
Came up for concurrence.
Read and concurred.
Approved by the Mayor, August 10, 1880.
A true copy.
Attest: John T. Priest
Asst. City Clerk.

American Ass'n. for Advancement of Science.

Ordered, That the President be requested on behalf of the Trustees, to invite the American Association for the Advancement of Science, about to be convened in Boston, to visit the Public Library as a body or as individuals, as they may find convenient.

Chas. P. Bowditch Esq.

The President laid before the Board a letter from Charles P. Bowditch, dated July 31, 1880, en-

closing a check of Mr. J. Ingersoll Bowditch, for Five Hundred dollars for the purchase of books for the Bowditch Library.

Ordered, That the same be gratefully received, and that the President, in behalf of the Trustees, be directed to return the thanks of the Board to Mr Bowditch for this renewed instance of his generosity.

28 State St. Boston
July 31. 1880.

W. W. Greenough Esq.
Pres't. Boston Public Library.
Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find check on Old Boston Nat. Bank to your order for five hundred (500) dollars as a gift of my father, Mr. J. Ingersoll Bowditch for the purchase of books for the Bowditch Library.

Donation of $500. from J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Esq.

Very respectfully yours
(signed) Charles P. Bowditch.

Barton Catalogue.

Ordered, That the Librarian be directed to cause two hundred and fifty copies of the two parts of the Barton Catalogue, having continuous pagination, to be stitched with paper covers, for sale or distribution, as the Book Committee may determine.

Franklin medals donation from Dr. Green.

The Librarian reported that he had received from Dr. Samuel A. Green, six Franklin medals, a gift to the Public Library: whereupon it was ordered that the thanks of the Board be extended to Dr. Green for the interesting and valuable gift.

Draft on Barings in favor of Edwd. J. Allen £5 19/6

Ordered, That the draft on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Edwd. G. Allen for eight pounds 19/6 in payment for British patents is hereby approved.

Ordered, That the President be authorized

Bill on Barings in favor of Trübner £174-7/7

to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. for the sum of One Hundred Seventy-four pounds 7/7 in favor of Messrs. Trübner & Co. for invoices of books arrived.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. for an amount not exceeding One Hundred pounds, to pay for invoices to arrive.

Monthly Bills.

Mr. O'Brien, for the Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Sept. 1, 1880, amounting, as per cash book of this date to Eight Thousand Forty-six and Thirty one-hundredths dollars.

The bills, having been duly examined, were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll of $5721.81

Ordered, That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to the sum of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-one and Eighty-one one-hundredths dollars, is hereby specially approved.

Librarians Quarterly Report

The Librarian laid before the Board his report for the months of May, June and July, being No. 1. of the new series of Quarterly Reports.

Adjourned.

Melleny Chamberlain
Clerk

Monday, Sept 20, 1880. Sept 20. 1880.

At 3 o'clock P.M. a meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library.

Present: Mess. Greenough, Abbott and Clarke.

Mr. Greenough, the President, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The clerk laid before the board a communication from the Board of Aldermen, which was read and is as follows:

City of Boston.

In Board of Aldermen,
August 9, 1880.

Resolved,

That the City of Boston hereby accepts from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the grant of a parcel of land situated on the corner of Dartmouth and Boylston streets, described in Chapter 222, Acts of the year 1880, to be used for library purposes in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in said chapter and act. Land for new Library.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.
Aug. 17. Came up concurred.
Approved by the Mayor Aug. 18, 1880.
A true copy.
Attest: John T. Priest.
Asst. city clerk.

Mr Abbott, from the Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the city treasury, Oct. 1, 1880, amounting, as per cash book of this date, to the sum of $7,589.80. Monthly bills.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to $5,769.41, is hereby specially approved. Pay roll - $5,769.41

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Mess. Trübner & Trübner.

for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next regular meeting, in addition to invoices, of which advice has been received.

Flügel. — Ordered. That the President request Messrs Baring Bros. and Co. to place £225 with their agent in Leipzig to the credit of Dr. Felix Flügel.

Deuerlich. — Ordered. That the President be authorized to arrange with Messrs. Baring Bros. and Co. for the payment of G. Deuerlich, of Göttingen a sum not exceeding 500 marks for invoice received.

Signorina Albiri. — Ordered. That the President request Messrs Baring Bros. and Co. to place with their agents in Florence, the sum of £50. to the credit of Signorina Albiri.

Dr. Green. — Mass., Plymouth, and Conn. laws. — Voted. To purchase of Dr. Samuel A Green, for the sum of $500. a volume containing the laws of Massachusetts, Plymouth, and Connecticut colonies, all of the date of 1672 and that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. and Co. for said sum.

Miss A. P. Call. — Librarianship of So. End branch. — Voted. That the President be authorized to tender the position of Librarian of the South End Branch to Miss Annie P. Call at a salary of $750; and that the Clerk be directed to notify Milton Austin that his services as Librarian will not be required after the thirtieth day of September instant.

Milton Austin.

Mrs. Maria C. Otis. — Voted. That Mrs. Maria C. Otis be appointed custodian of the patent room, on trial, at a salary at the rate of $500 per annum.

Suspension of arrangement of slips. — Voted. That the arrangement of slips in the art-room be suspended after the thirtieth instant, and that Maggie Doyle be transferred to Bates Hall, to take charge of the indicator.

Maggie Doyle.

Books of doubtful moral tendency. — Voted. That all Lower Hall books of a questionable moral tendency be transferred to Bates Hall, and receive one star.

Geo. B. Hatch. — The Librarian reported that Mr Geo. B. Hatch, temporary office secretary left the service Sept. 9th

Louis F. Gray. — Voted. That the Librarian be authorized to employ Louis F. Gray, on trial, as office secretary, at a salary not exceeding $550. per annum.

William Ferris. — He also reported that William Ferris, Bates Hall runner, left the service Sept. 18th

Voted. That the Librarian be authorized to employ a runner in the place of William Ferris.

Chatsworth Catalogue. — The Librarian laid before the board a copy, in four folio volumes, of the catalogue of the Chatsworth Library, a gift from His Grace, the Duke of Devonshire: also a catalogue of the collection of Henry Huth, in five volumes, royal octavo, a gift from A. H. Huth.

Duke of Devonshire. — Henry Huth, Huth Catalogue.

Ordered. That the special thanks of the Trustees be returned to the donors.

Adjourned at 4.30 P.M.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1880. — Oct. 19, 1880.

At 3 o'clock P.M. a meeting of the corporation was held in the Trustees room.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke and Haynes.

Mr. Greenough, the President, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Chase, for the Committee on administration, reported the nominations of Daniel Donovan for runner service in Bates Hall in the place of Robert J. Donovan, from Aug. 23, 1880. his pay to be at the rate of $182 per annum. Accepted and the appointment was made. Also the name of William Canny for the same service and at the same rate from Sept. 27, 1880. adopted and the appointment made.

Daniel Donovan. — Robt. J. Donovan. — William Canny.

Mr Haynes, from the Committee on books and cata-

Mrs M. C. Otis

Miss H. C. Blake

Reserve Library.

Alcove 78.

Mathematical expert

Richd Ray.

Miss A. P. Call.

S. E. Branch.

Mrs G. A. DeBorges

Minnie Sheridan.

Mr Edward Tiffany

logues, made the following nominations: for the care of the patent room, Mrs. Maria C. Otis her salary to be at the rate of $500 per annum: for the catalogue department Miss Harriet C. Blake, her salary to be at the rate of $500 per annum: the nominations were approved and appointments were made conformably thereto.

Mr. Haynes moved, that agreeably to the suggestion of the Librarian, a reserve library should be established and thereupon, it was

Voted. That the Librarian appropriate alcove No. 78. for the receipt of valuable duplicates desirable to be retained as a reserve library, from which to replenish losses and books worn out by use; that all such books as are therein placed shall be catalogued, two-starred, and not disposed of without special vote of the Book Committee or Trustees.

Mr. Haynes moved that a mathematical expert be employed to make a list of the mathematical books in the Bowditch Library and Bates Hall, and on motion of Mr. Abbott the subject was referred back to the same committee to report the expense thereof and the name of the proper person to do the work.

Dr Clarke from the Committee on Branches reported the nomination of Richard Ray for special service in the Lower Hall two hours an evening for two evenings a week at 25 cents an hour, to assist in the delivery of books. Approved and the nomination confirmed.

Also. That Miss Annie P. Call declined the appointment of librarian of the South End branch; and the nomination of Mrs. Grace A. DeBorges for the same place, which nomination was confirmed, and Mrs. DeBorges was appointed librarian of that branch, her salary to be at the rate of $600 per annum.

Also. The nomination of Minnie Sheridan for runner service in the Lower Hall, from Oct 1st, 1880. her pay to be at the rate of $156 per annum; accepted and the appointment made.

Ordered. That Mr. Edward Tiffany be appointed librarian

of Lower Hall from July 1, 1880. his salary to be at the rate of $1500. per annum.

Miss M. A. Jenkins.

Ordered. That Miss Mary A. Jenkins be appointed assistant librarian of the Lower Hall from July 1, 1880 her salary to be at the rate of $700 per annum.

Wm Canny.

Ordered. That William Canny be employed as runner in Bates Hall, his pay to be at the rate of $182 per annum from Sept. 27. 1880.

Monthly bills — Nov. 1, '80

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury, Nov. 1, 1880, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $8511. 2 4.

The bills, having been duly examined, were approved by the board.

Pay roll.

Ordered That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to $5613.50 be hereby specially approved.

Trübner & Co.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw on Mess. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Mess Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100 for invoice of books to arrive before the next regular meeting of the Trustees.

L. F. Gray.

Ordered. That the salary of Louis F. Gray, office secretary, be at the rate of $550 per annum from Sept. 21, 1880.

Mrs. M. C. Otis.

Ordered. That the salary of Mrs. Maria C. Otis, be at the rate of $500 per annum from Sept. 27, 1880.

Miss H. C. Blake

Ordered. That the salary of Miss Harriet C. Blake, be at the rate of $500 per annum from Oct 1, 1880.

Thos. H. Cummings

Ordered. That the salary of Thomas H. Cummings be at the rate of $800 per annum from Sept. 1, 1880.

Fred. J. Cummings

Ordered. That Fred. J. Cummings be allowed at the rate of $182 per annum for runner service, Bates Hall, from Aug 24, 1880.

William Canny

Ordered. That William Canny be allowed at the rate of $182 per annum for runner service, Bates.

Hall, from Sept. 27, 1880.

Daniel Donovan — Ordered. That Daniel Donovan be allowed at the rate of $182 per annum for runner service, Bates Hall, from Aug. 23, 1880.

Minnie Sheridan — Ordered. That Minnie Sheridan be allowed at the rate of $156 per annum for runner service, Lower Hall, from Oct. 1st 1880.

G. Deuerlich — Ordered. That Messrs Baring, Bros & Co. be requested to place to the credit of G. Deuerlich of Göttingen, the sum of £75. for the purchase of German books.

Mr Abbott was added to the special committee who were directed to confer with the trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum in respect to the sum to be appropriated to the Roxbury branch.

Fellowes Athenaeum — Roxbury branch.

Dr Clarke reported informally that he had had conversation with the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum and found them disposed to make equitable arrangements in regard to their connection with the Roxbury branch.

P.O. box — Ordered. That the Librarian ascertain if arrangements can be made to dispense with one box at the Post Office.

Roxbury R. R. — Voted. That the reading-room at the Roxbury branch, be closed, until further notice, at 6 o'clock P.M. except on Saturday.

Dr. S. A. Green — The President laid before the Trustees a letter from Dr. Samuel A. Green, inclosing the sum of $500 to be added to the fund by him already given to the Library in Nov. 1878. to be used on the same conditions.

Voted. To accept said gift and on the conditions referred to, and that the President be requested to transmit to Dr. Green the grateful acknowledgments of the Trustees for the generous donation.

The Librarian presented his monthly report which was ordered to be placed on file.

Report of T. H. Cummings — Also. The special report of Mr. Thos H. Cummings to Sept. 1, 1880.

He reported the following changes in the Library service.

Milton Austin — Milton Austin, who had been temporarily in charge of the South End branch since July 1, left the service 30. of September and that branch was placed temporarily under the care of Miss Mary A. Jenkins, of the Central Library. — Miss M. A. Jenkins.

Mrs Maria C. Otis was placed in charge of the patent room, Sept. 27, 1880 at a salary at the rate of $500. per annum. — Mrs M. C. Otis.

Mr Louis F. Gray appointed office secretary and entered on his duties Sept. 21st 1880, at a salary at the rate of $550 per annum. — L. F. Gray.

Miss Harriet C. Beale, Oct. 1, 1880. entered the service in the catalogue department at a salary at the rate of $500 per annum. — Miss H. C. Beale.

That agreeably to the vote of the Trustees, Sept. 20 1880, he had engaged Fred. J. Cummings as runner in Bates Hall, at a salary of $182 per annum in the place of William Ferris, who left the service 18th Sept. — Fred. J. Cummings. — Wm Ferris.

William Canny had been engaged as runner in Bates Hall, at the rate of $182 per annum Sept. 27th — Wm Canny.

and Daniel Donovan, for the same service at the pay of $182 per annum from Aug. 23, 1880. in the place of Robert J. Donovan, who left the service at that time. — Daniel Donovan. — R. J. Donovan.

Also Minnie Sheridan, for runner service in the Lower Hall, from Oct. 1st, 1880, at the rate of $156 per annum. — Minnie Sheridan

He also reported that the numerical sorting of the slips, hitherto carried on in the Art Room by Maggie Doyle has been discontinued from Oct. 1, 1880, after consultation with several of the Trustees, and that the classification of slips is now in the charge of Gertie Shea, and that Maggie Doyle, Oct. 1st was transferred to Bates Hall and took charge of the loan-tally which he had devised, under the absence of any book in Bates Hall. — Maggie Doyle. — Gertie Shea. — Loan tally.

He also reported that Mr. Thomas H. Cummings was, when Mr. Bradshaw left the service as Librarian of the — T. H. Cummings. — E. Bradshaw

Lower Hall, was partially withdrawn from the charge of the Lower Hall catalogue, now gives his entire time to his own department, with the exception of the half hour from 8.30 to 9 A. M., when he attends to the receipt of books. He leaves at 5.30 P. M.

Richard Ray

To supply the service in the delivery department rendered by Mr. T. H. Cummings for some months past, the Librarian has engaged Richard Ray for two evenings a week at the compensation of 25 cents per hour.

Miss Hewins

He also reports that Miss Hewins has been absent the month of September by reason of sickness, and that there is, as he is informed, no immediate prospect of her return to the service.

Miss A. M. Kennedy

Also, that Miss A. M. Kennedy was absent 16 days in September by reason of sickness, and still continues absent; but with a prospect of returning to the service before many days.

He called attention to the rules and orders, the consideration of which was referred to a meeting to be held Saturday 16th inst., but deferred on account of the absence of Mr. Abbott.

Miss Bunker.

He also laid before the board a letter from Miss Bunker respecting the hour of closing the Roxbury branch.

Report accepted and approved

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

November 16, 1880. — Nov. 16, '80.

At 3.00 o'clock P. M. a meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room.

Present: Mess. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke and Haynes

Mr. Greenough, the President, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Bowditch Libry.

Mr. Haynes, for the committee on a catalogue of the mathematical books in the Bowditch Library and Bates Hall asked for further time, which was granted.

Miss E. M. Hinckley

Dr. Clarke, for the Committee on branches, read a note from Mrs. DeBorgos, Librarian of the South End branch relating to the services of Miss Hinckley, whereupon it was

Ordered. That the Librarian be authorized to employ Miss Hinckley, so far as, in his judgment, may be necessary.

Monthly bills $3508.17

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury, December 1, 1880, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $3508.17.

The bills having been duly examined, were approved by the Board.

Pay roll. $5645.37

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the legislation, amounting to $5,645.37 be hereby specially approved.

E. W. Ashbee. £2.2.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw on Mess. Baring Bros & Co. in favor of E. W. Ashbee of London, Eng. for the sum of £2.2 for a copy of a work entitled, William Smith's description of England, 1580, subscribed for in November 1876.

W. Smith's "England in 1580."

Trübner & Co. £100.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw on Mess. Baring Bros. and Co. in favor of Mess Trübner and Co., for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices of books to arrive before the next regular meeting of the Board.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to

Special requisition $250. Geo. H. Moore. Laws of Mass. Special drafts. Trübner £ 95. 12. 9d. Quarterly report of Librarian. Laura B. Morse. Cora Walker. Wx Girls. Vasco da Gama. Wells school. City ordinances.

sign a special requisition on the City Treasurer for $250. in favor of Geo. H. Moore of the Lenox Library, for laws of Massachusetts, also that the President be authorized to make from time to time, as may be necessary, special drafts on the City Treasurer for an amount not exceeding $100. for the payment of books purchased: the amount of each draft drawn in pursuance of this authority, together with the invoice for the payment of which it is drawn, shall be reported to the Board of Trustees at the meeting next following the draft.

The President reported that he had drawn since the last meeting of the Board, a draft on Mess. Baring Bros, and Co. for £ 95. 12. 9d. in favor of Mess. Trübner and Co. for books arrived.

The Librarian presented his quarterly report in print which was accepted and placed on file.

He reported that Miss Laura B. Morse sub-runner at East Boston branch, had left the service and Cora Walker put in her place at the rate of 8 ¢ per hour.

Also That he had received thirty copies each of the following works, viz. Mrs. Whitney's We Girls, and Towle's Vasco da Gama, a gift to the library, to be specially loaned to the Wells and other schools in the city, as they may be required.

The President called attention of the Board to the new draft of the city ordinances, so far as they affect the Public Library.

Adjourned at 4.15 P.M.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk

Dec. 14, 1880.

Dec. 14, 1880.

At 3.00 P.M. a meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase and Haynes.

Mr. Greenough, the President, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Greenough reported that no drafts had been made on Baring Bros. since the last meeting.

He called attention to the draft of the proposed revision of the City ordinances, and laid before the Trustees a letter from Mr. Coe of the Common council, in respect to the same. Mr. Chase called attention to an omission to provide for the annual report of the Trustees, or the transmission of the report of the examining committee. Revision of city ordinances.

Mr. Haynes reported that he had seen Prof. Osborne in respect to a catalogue of the Bowditch collection, who promises some assistance in respect to it. Bowditch catalogue. Prof. Osborne.

Mr. Haynes asked for further time, which was granted.

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury January 1st, 1881, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of $8.239.75. Monthly bills, $8,239.75

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to $5677.74, be hereby specially approved. Pay-roll $5677.74

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw on Messrs Baring Bros. and Co. in favor of Messrs. N. Trübner and Co, for the sum of £ 100. 16. 9. Trübner £ 100-16-9

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw on Messrs Baring Bros. and Co. in favor of Messrs N. Trübner and Co. for an amount not exceeding £ 125. for invoice of books to arrive before the next meeting of the Board. Trübner £125.

Miss E. M. Hinckley's salary.

Ordered That the salary of Miss Esther M. Hinckley, assistant at the South End branch, be at the rate of $30 per month from Nov. 1, 1880.

Benj. Stearns.

Ordered. That Benjamin Stearns be employed as

Andrew Kehoe.

Bates Hall runner in place of Andrew Kehoe, at the rate of $182 per annum, from Dec. 13, 1880.

Trust funds account.

Mr. Abbot, for the same committee reported the semi-annual statement of trust-funds account to Nov. 1, 1880, which was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Mr. Winsor.

The Librarian laid before the Board a letter

Washington medal.

of Mr. Winsor, desiring to take the Washington medal to Osgood and Co., for the purpose of having a negative made of the same. The Trustees were unanimously of the opinion, that in consideration of the terms on which they had the custody of it, they ought to decline allowing it to leave the building; but directed the Librarian to afford Mr. Winsor all possible facilities for having the negative made in the Library.

Wells memorial assn.

Ordered. That the Librarian supply from the unused duplicates in the Lower Hall, a reasonable number of volumes to be loaned to the Wells Memorial Association.

Lieut. F. S. Bassett U.S.N.

The President laid before the Trustees a letter from Lieutenant F. S. Bassett U.S. Navy respecting volume 3050.q injured while in his possession, it was

Voted. That Lieut. Bassett be required to have the book restored to as good condition as it was in before the injury, or to replace it by a new copy. It was also,

Tosti collection.

Voted. That no volume, portfolio, engraving or picture belonging to the Tosti collection shall be removed from the Library without a vote of the Trustees expressly authorizing the same.

Andrew Kehoe.

The Librarian reported that Andrew Kehoe left the service Dec. 11, 1880.

Mr. Hathaway.

Also, that he had notified Mr. Hathaway that owing to lack of work in the stitching department of the bindery, he should soon withdraw from him the branch and Lower Hall books.

Vacations.

It was moved from April 30, 1881, and until otherwise ordered, that no allowance of vacation at the expense of the Library, be allowed in the bindery, to the janitorial force, or to the night watchman or duetman, Mr. Appleton: the subject was referred to the Committee on the By-laws.

Voted. That when the board adjourns, it be to the 8th January at 3. P. M. to consider the reports of the Committee on the By-laws.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Jan. 8, 1881.

Saturday, Jan. 8, 1881.

At 3 o'clock P.M. a special meeting of the Trustees was held to consider the reports of the committee on By-laws.

Present; Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke and Haynes.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with and the Trustees proceeded at once to the consideration

By-laws.

of the By-laws which were examined as far as Art. 5 §1, in the proposed draft, and certain amendments adopted.

It was voted to resume the work on Monday, the 10th inst, at 3 o'clock P.M.

Trübner – £121. 11. 7

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw a draft on Baring, Bros. & Co. for £121. 11. 7. in favor of N. Trübner and Co. for invoice of books arrived.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Jan. 10th 1881.

Monday, Jan. 10, 1881.

Special meeting of Trustees, adjourned from Saturday. Present. Messrs Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke and Haynes.

J. R. Osgood & Co.
Canova's works.

By general consent the application of James R. Osgood & Co. for the loan of Canova's works, for replacements of some Heliotypes destroyed by their late fire, was considered: and upon consideration, the Trustees declined to grant the request.

By-laws.

The consideration of the By-laws was then resumed, but before the work was concluded the Board adjourned to Tuesday, 11th inst at 3 o'clock P.M.

New High School
S. End branch.

A plan of the rooms in the new High school building, set apart for the accommodation of the South End branch was presented, and laid on the table.

Adjourned at 5 P.M.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1881

Tuesday, Jan. 11, '81.

Special adjourned meeting of the Trustees to consider the By-laws: The several articles were read, amended

By-laws.

and as amended, approved, provisionally.

It was ordered that the committee with the Situation — printing of.

cause the same to be printed, with the act of incorporation and City ordinances, for the final action of the Trustees therein.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Jany 18, 81.

Tuesday, Jany. 18, 1881.

At 3.00 P. M. the regular monthly meeting of the Board was held in the Trustees' room.

Present, Mess. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke, Haynes and Pratt.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the last four meetings were read and approved.

Eng. High and Latin school – So. End br.

The President laid before the Trustees a communication from the Board of Aldermen to the effect that the basement of the southerly section of the English High and Latin school building on Montgomery Street had been reserved for the South End branch.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file.

Trübner – £15 9. 0. 11

He also reported that he had drawn two drafts on Mess Baring, Bros. & Co., in favor of Trübner & Co., amounting to £15 9. 0. 11. for books arrived.

Application for dustman's position.

Mr. Chase, for the Committee on administration, reported that he had received an application for the place vacated by the resignation of Mr. Appleton, the dustman; also, that Mr. Putnam had presented a bill for services in relation to a seal of the Corporation,

Putnam's bill – $15

Ordered, That fifteen dollars be paid for the same.

Glass doors for ordering dept.

He also reported that he had addressed a communication to Mr. Slade in respect to glass doors between the entry department and the gallery; and that Mr. Griffin desired to have his section of the entry department enclosed.

Semi-annual repr. on finding lists &c.

Mr. Haynes for the Committee on books and catalogues presented the semi-annual report on catalogues and finding lists on hand, which was received and ordered to be placed on file.

The subject of a catalogue of the mathematical books in the Bowditch library was considered and the President stated that he had reason to believe that permanent funds would be supplied for the purchase of books in that department.

Bowditch catalogue.

Ordered, That the Book committee be authorized to contract for a catalogue of the mathematical part of the Bowditch library at a cost not exceeding $300.

Same.

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury, Feby 1, 1881, amounting, as per cash book of this date to $9347.72.

Monthly bills: $9347.72.

The bills, having been duly examined by the Board, were approved.

Ordered, That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to $5437.65 be hereby specially approved.

Pay-roll: $5437.65

Ordered, That the President be authorized to draw on Mess. Baring, Bros. & Co., in favor of Trübner & Co., for a sum not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next regular meeting of the Board.

Trübner £100.

Ordered, That the President be authorized to draw a special draft on the City treasurer in favor of the Western Historical company for not over $160.

Western Hist. Co. $160

Ordered, That James L. Gethins be allowed at the rate of $182 per annum from Jany. 6, for runner service, Bates Hall.

J. L. Gethins.

Objection was made by Mr. Abbott to the bill of W. B. Clarke for periodicals, on the ground that the same was not duly authorized: whereupon that bill was laid upon the table.

Clarke's bill for periodicals.

Ordered, That the action of the President in making a special draft on the City treasurer in favor of Charles de F. Burns, for $63.42 for books

Burns: $63.42

purchased at auction in New York city, be confirmed.

Clarke's bill for periodicals

The vote whereby W. B. Clarke's bill was laid upon the table was reconsidered; and the same was approved, Mr. Abbott voting in the negative.

N.E. hist. gen. soc'y letter of Josiah Franklin.

The President laid before the board a communication from the Publishing committee of the New England Historical and Genealogical society, requesting permission to reproduce the autograph letter of Josiah Franklin.

Voted. To grant the request — to be done in the library.

Mass. Coll. pharmacy privileges to students.

Also, a letter from B. F. Stacey, President, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, asking that the students of that college may have their cards stamped "Medical."

Voted; To comply with the request upon the usual terms — of assuming the responsibility for the proper use and return of books taken out.

Librarian's report.

The Librarian submitted his monthly report in writing, also reported that Jany. 3, 1881, Miss Elms of the Dorchester branch, an accasional assistant, left the service, and Miss L. A. Watson was temporarily appointed to her place, at the rate of eight cents per hour, for actual service, subject to confirmation by the Board of Trustees.

Miss Elms.

Miss L. A. Watson.

Mr Appleton, dustman.

Dec. 31, 1880, Mr. Appleton, the dustman, left the service and his place has not been filled as yet.

Miss Josephine Hewins

Hales reported that Miss Josephine Hewins died Jany. 5th.

J. L. Gethins.

James L. Gethins was engaged as Bates Hall runner, Jany. 6, in place of Fred. Cummings, who left the service Dec. 31, 1880.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

January 28, 1881.

At 3 o'clock a special meeting of the Trustees was held to consider the proposed By-laws.

Present, Mess. Greenough, Chase and Haynes.

The President, Mr Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Judiciary committee of Commonwealth — communication from.

The President laid before the board a communication from the Judiciary committee of the Commonwealth, dated January 27, 1881, to the effect that a hearing would be given at room number 8, State House, on Friday, January 28, at 10 A. M., to parties interested in an order relative to incorporating the Trustees of the Library so that there shall be two members of the city council annually elected as Trustees which was read and ordered to the place on file.

Burns: $70.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw a special draft on the city treasury for an amount not exceeding seventy dollars for purchases made at auction in New York by Chas. de F. Burns.

By-laws.

The consideration of the By-laws was then resumed and certain amendments were made, after which the By-laws, as amended, were adopted, as follows:

By-Laws of the Boston Public Library;

Article I.

Meetings.

Meeting for organization.

Section 1. The trustees "shall meet for organisation on the first Monday of each May, and choose one of their number as president." [Laws, 1878, chap. 184, sect. 4.]

Monthly meetings.

Sect. 2. The trustees shall meet each month upon the Tuesday which shall fall on, or next before, the twentieth day of the month: provided, however, that if such Tuesday shall be a holiday, they shall meet upon the Monday which shall fall on, or next before, the twentieth day of the month.

Time and place of meeting.

Sect. 3. The annual and the monthly meetings shall be held in the trustees' room, at three o'clock in the afternoon, unless at some monthly meeting a different time and place shall be appointed.

Special meetings.

Sect. 4. Special meetings of the corporation shall be called by the clerk upon written request of the president or of any two trustees.

Notice of meetings.

Sect. 5. The clerk shall, at least twenty-four hours before each meeting, send to each trustee by mail (or otherwise) a written notice, which shall specify the time and place of such meeting, and in case of special meetings the purpose for which the meeting is called.

Quorum.

Sect. 6. Three trustees shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Yeas and nays may be called for.

Sect. 7. At the request of any trustee, the vote upon any question pending shall be taken by yeas and nays, and the vote of each trustee shall be recorded.

Order of business.

Sect. 8. The order of business at annual and monthly meetings shall be as follows:

1°. Except at annual meetings, the reading and approval of the record of the proceedings of the last monthly meeting and of all subsequent meetings.

2°. Business required by law and by ordinance.

3°. Communications from any branch of the

city government.

4°. Unfinished business.

5°. Reports from standing committees.

6°. Reports from special committees.

7°. Correspondence.

8°. Report of the librarian.

9°. Other business.

Business in order at special meetings.

Sect. 9. At special meetings the only business in order shall be such as relates to the purpose for which the meeting is called, except, by unanimous consent, in cases of exigencies which have arisen since the notification of the meeting.

Article II.

The President.

President. — Powers and duties.

Section 1. The president of the board of trustees shall preside at all meetings of the corporation; he shall appoint its committees except when their appointment shall be otherwise specially provided for; he shall be, ex officio, a member of the standing committees; he shall, together with the trustees, exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the library; and, if in his judgment it may be expedient to make any change in the standing committees during the year, he shall, with the consent of the board, have power to make such changes.

To receive and pay over income of trust funds. To sign requisitions.

Sect. 2. "He shall receive from the city treasurer and pay over to the city collector the income of all trust funds, and he shall sign all requisitions upon the city treasurer made by authority of the trustees." [Ordinance, 1878, sect. 7.]

To prepare annual report.

Sect. 3. He shall prepare the annual report

of the trustees to the city council, which report shall be submitted to the trustees at least one week before action shall be taken upon it.

To sign acknowledgments for gifts.

Sect. 4. He shall send a letter of acknowledgment, signed by himself, and countersigned by the librarian, to any person who shall make a gift to the library.

In case of vacancy in office of president, a president pro. tem. to be chosen

Sect. 5. If a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the trustees shall at once choose a president; and, in case of the absence of the president, they shall choose a president, pro tempore until his return.

Article III.

The Clerk.

Clerk.

How chosen.

Section 1. At the annual meeting, or whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of clerk of the corporation, the trustees shall choose a clerk who shall hold his office until his successor be chosen and qualified, subject, however, to removal by vote of the trustees.

Provision in case of absence of.

In the absence of the clerk they shall choose a clerk, pro tempore, until his return.

Duties of.

Sect. 2. The clerk shall be the custodian of all the records and files of the corporation; he shall be present at all meetings of the trustees and keep a full record of their proceedings; he shall send notice of all meetings of the trustees, as provided in Art. I.; he shall send notices of all committee meetings; he shall keep a list of all subjects referred to committees of the trustees, with dates of reference; and shall do all other things appertaining to the office of clerk required by these by-laws or by the trustees.

Article IV.

Committees.

Standing committees

Section 1. The standing committees of the corporation shall be four in number, of three members each, other than the president; there shall be one committee on administration, one committee on books and catalogues; one committee on branch libraries; and one committee on finance. Two trustees shall constitute the quorum of a committee.

Quorum.

Any trustee may attend meeting of any committee.

Sect. 2. Each trustee, when he desires it, shall have the privilege of attending the meetings of any committee of this board, that he may inform himself concerning what action is taken therein.

Article V.

Committee on Administration.

Committee on administration

Section 1. To the committee on administration are referred, as they arise, all questions and matters relating to: —

Powers and duties.

1°. The furniture, fixtures, care, ventilation, repairs, alterations, heating and lighting of all buildings, and the care of the books and grounds.

2°. The arrangements for the circulation and use of books in Bates Hall; for the registration of names; for the treatment of delinquents; for the correction of any abuses of the library privileges; for the preparation of the statistics of circulation; for the needful examination of the library.

4°. The nomination and duties of all attendants connected with Bates Hall, and with the department of registry.

3°. The acceptance and care of all works of art.

5°. The nomination, duties and absences of the persons

6°. The authorization of expenditures upon all matters above referred to, which shall not exceed five hundred dollars in one bill or contract.

Article VI.

Committee on Books.

Book committee. Section 1. To the committee on books and catalogues are referred as they arise, all questions relating to:—

Powers and duties. 1°. The selection, purchase, and binding of books and periodicals, except as elsewhere provided for; the disposition of duplicates and the acceptance of books given

2°. The preparation, printing, and distribution of all catalogues and reports, and the printing required by the library.

3°. The grants of special cards and privileges.

4°. The nomination and duties of all attendants in the departments covered by their supervision.

Exchange of books. Sect. 2. They shall secure an equivalent in other books for all gifts of books exchanged unless the given consent in writing to a different disposition

To make report. Sect. 3. They shall, twice in each year report to the trustees the number of the various catalogues and finding-lists on hand; and the number of bound catalogues distributed by gift or sale since the last report.

Sect. 4°. Stated meetings of the committee shall be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, of each week, at four o'clock, P. M.

Article VII.

Committee on Branch Libraries.

Branch committee. Section 1. To the committee on branch libraries are referred, as they arise, all questions

relating to:—

1°. The discipline and management of the lower hall and of each branch of the library. Powers and duties.

2°. The nomination and assignment to duty of the librarian and attendants of the lower hall and of each branch library.

Sect. 2. They shall carefully observe the character of books called for in the lower hall and at each branch library; and shall be an advising body to consult upon and report to the trustees such measures as promote good order and good reading. To examine into the character of books.

Article VIII.

Committee on Finance.

Section 1. To the committee on finance are referred all questions relating to the accounts and insurance, the receipts and expenditure of income, both from trust funds and appropriations; the salaries on the pay-roll; and the nomination, duties, and absences of the library auditor. Finance committee, powers and duties.

Sect 2. They shall report annually, in the month of April, the pay-roll proposed for the year; they shall present at the regular monthly meeting the requisition upon the city treasurer for all authorized expenditures which may have been authenticated by the librarian, and they shall have control of all receipts and expenditures of money not otherwise provided for; they shall arrange for the collection of fines, and the payment of them into the city treasury; and they shall report annually upon the condition of the trust-fund account. Same continued.

Article IX

Finance.

The corporation may take real and personal estate.

Section 1. "The corporation shall have authority to take and hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding one million dollars, which may be given, granted, bequeathed, or devised to it, and accepted by the trustees for the benefit of the public library of the city of Boston, or any branch library, or any purpose connected therewith. Money received by it shall be invested by the treasurer of the city of Boston, under the direction of the finance committee of said city; and all securities belonging to said corporation shall be placed in the custody of said treasurer, provided, always, that both the principal and income thereof shall be appropriated according to the terms of the donation, devise, or bequest, under the direction of the said corporation." [Acts, 1878, Chap. 114, sect. 2.]

Custody of securities.

Trustees to have care of library and branches.

Sect 2. "The trustees shall have the general care and control of the central library, now located in Boylston street in said city, and all branches thereof which have been or which may hereafter be established, together with the buildings and rooms containing the same, and the fixtures and furniture connected therewith, and also of the expenditure of the moneys appropriated therefor." [Acts, 1878, chap. 114, sect. 5]

Fix compensation of employees

Sect. 3. "The compensation of all persons in the library service shall be fixed by vote of the trustees, provided that the amount thus paid shall not exceed the sum appropriated by the city council for that item of expense, and the income of any moneys which may lawfully be appropriated for the same purpose from funds or property

held by said trustees under the provisions of this act." [Acts, 1878, chap. 114, sect. 6.]

To make estimate of appropriations and income.

Sect. 4. "The trustees of the public library shall annually, on or before the 15th day of February, send to the joint standing committee of the city council on the public library an estimate in detail of the appropriations required by that corporation during the financial year next ensuing, and also an estimate of the income to be derived from any funds or other investments under the control of said trustees." [Ordinance, 1878, sect. 2.]

Requisitions to be signed by president.

Sect. 5. "No payment of money shall be made on account of the public library, except upon requisitions signed by the president of the board of trustees, under the authority of said board." [Ordinance, 1878, sect. 4.]

Account of expenditures to be kept.

Sect. 6. Books of account shall be kept, which shall show accurately the expenditures from the city appropriations and from the income of each of the trust funds, each fund being carefully credited with the value of all books purchased therewith.

Article X.

Nominations and removal of employees.

Nominations to permanent positions in the different departments of the library, together with a statement in writing of the compensation proposed to be paid, shall be made to the trustees by the appropriate committee. No person shall be appointed to or removed from any such position, except by vote of the trustees; but the president or librarian shall have power to suspend any employee, with loss of pay, until the next meeting of the trustees.

Article XI.

Records, etc. to be accessible to trustees.

All records, papers, and documents relating to the affairs of the library shall be kept in such places of deposit as shall be accessible to the trustees.

Record and residence of all persons drawing books from the library to be kept.

An alphabetical record of all persons who enter their names for the purpose of drawing books from the library shall be kept; and the residence of each person shall be inserted against his or her name.

Article XII.

To make annual report to city council.

"The trustees shall annually, in the month of May or June, present to the city council a report made up to, and including, the thirtieth day of the preceding April, and containing a statement of the condition of the library, the number of books that have been added during the past year, with an account of all the receipts and expenditures, together with such information or suggestions as they may deem important, and they shall, at the same time, transmit to the city council the annual report of the committee for the examination of the library, hereinafter mentioned." [Ordinance, 1878, sect. 3.]

Article XIII.

To appoint examining committee.

"The trustees shall annually appoint an examining committee of not less than five persons, not members of the board, who, together with a trustee as chairman, shall examine the library, and make a report of its condition to the trustees." [Ordinance, 1878, sect. 3.]

Article XIV.

May establish branch libraries.

"The trustees may, from time to time, establish branch libraries in different sections of the city, provided the same be not established until the necessary appropriations therefor be duly voted by the city council"

[Ordinance, 1878, sect. 6.]

Article XV.

To make regulations for use of books.

"In prescribing the regulations for the care and use of books, the trustees shall adopt such measures as shall extend the benefits of the institution as widely as possible among the citizens and residents of Boston; and when, in their judgment, the public interests will be advanced, the trustees may grant, for a limited period, privileges in the library to other individuals"

[Ordinance, 1878, sect. 5.]

Article XVI.

No publication received on deposit no subscription papers allowed except, etc.

No book, pamphlet or other publication shall be received at the library on deposit for show or distribution, nor shall any subscription paper for any purpose whatsoever be placed therein, except by vote of the trustees.

Article XVII.

Vacation.

All persons regularly employed in the library shall be entitled to a vacation of twenty-four secular days in the course of every year, and the holidays established

by law; but no vacation shall be granted to any person until after a period of six months' service. The librarian shall, in the case of each person, arrange these days so as to interfere as little as possible with the work of the institution.

This article shall not apply to the persons employed in the bindery or in the janitor's department.

No allowance shall be made for absence from duty except as herein provided.

Article XVIII.

The Librarian.

Librarian, powers of.

Section 1. The librarian shall be the executive officer of the trustees, and under them have the general charge, management, and control of the library and its branches, and of all persons employed therein.

To promulgate orders.

Sect. 2. He shall promulgate and attend to the execution of all orders, votes, directions, and regulations of the trustees and of their committees.

To be custodian of property.

Sect. 3. He shall be the custodian of all the buildings and property held by, or subject to the control of, the trustees for which no other provision may be made.

To assign duties of employees.

Sect. 4. He shall, in cases not otherwise provided for, assign the duties of all persons employed in the library and its branches, appoint the time for the vacations to which they are severally entitled under the by-laws, and designate what person or persons shall perform the duties of any other person temporarily absent.

To report cases of theft, etc.

Sect. 5. He shall promptly report all flagrant cases of theft, or injury of books and periodicals.

To advise change in administration.

Sect. 6. He shall from time to time advise the trustees, in writing, if any change he may deem desirable in the administration of the library and its branches.

To make annual report.

Sect. 7. He shall, at the close of each library year, report to the trustees in writing, upon the condition, management, and increase of the library and its branches, and shall recommend such measures as will in his judgment extend its usefulness.

To make monthly report.

Sect. 8. He shall prepare a monthly report covering: —

1°. The use of each division of the library not previously reported.

2°. The number of volumes, pamphlets, etc, entered upon the accession slips, divided under gifts, purchases, and exchanges; and the number of volumes added to the several departments of the library and its branches.

3°. All changes in the library service.

4°. The number of persons who have applied for the right to draw books from the library.

5°. The number of books recommended, and the number of such books ordered.

6°. The number of books lent from each division of the library, and not duly returned, from the beginning of the library year, as well as since the last monthly report, and the sums of money received within the month, and within the library year, from fines and sales of catalogues.

7°. Such other matters as he may deem of interest to the trustees.

May order books in special cases.

Sect. 9. He shall have power to order:

1°. Such books, according to his judgment, as are necessary to replace those lost or worn out.

2°. Such books or periodicals, not exceeding in value the sum of twenty-five dollars for any single book, which may be recommended, or which he shall deem necessary for the library; but the titles of all books ordered by him shall be reported to the committee on books at their next meeting, and he shall, as far as practicable, consult them before ordering books.

To see all books properly entered.

Sect. 10. He shall see that no book is placed on the shelves until such record be made as will ensure a correct correspondence with order book, bill or invoice, and the proper assignment to fund or appropriation.

Various duties respecting books recd.

Sect. 11. He shall cause all books received for the library to be properly collated, and entered on the accession slips, bulletin, and shelf-lists; and shall cause accession marks, stamp, plate, rules and shelf-label to be put upon each volume, and the volume to be properly catalogued, and when necessary, starred, bound, and covered. He shall keep a record of all duplicates not intended for the shelf.

Other duties.

Sect. 12. He shall perform such other duties as the trustees shall from time to time by vote direct.

To make certain orders and regulations.

Sect. 13. He shall have power to make such orders and regulations, not inconsistent with the by-laws, or votes of the trustees, as he may deem necessary for the proper execution of the powers herein granted; and he shall report to the trustees at their next monthly meeting all such orders and regulations as are permanent or important. But the trustees may at any time, by vote, alter or annul such orders and regulations.

Responsible for proper management of library.

Sect. 14. He shall be held strictly responsible to the trustees for the proper management of the library and its branches; for the preservation and care of all property held by or subject to the control of the trustees; for the discipline and efficiency of the service of the library and its branches; and for the observance of order and quiet throughout the library buildings.

Article XIX.

The Principal Assistant Librarian.

Principal assistant librarian, powers and duties of.

The principal assistant librarian shall, under the librarian, have charge and control of the catalogue department, and of the persons employed therein. In the absence of the librarian he shall attend to such details of administration enumerated in Art. XVIII. as apply to the routine of the library. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the trustees or by the librarian.

Article XX.

The Register.

Register, duties of.

The register shall assist the librarian in the executive details of his office. He shall keep such records as shall be assigned to him. He shall have especial charge of the roll of persons employed in the library; and shall report monthly all absences and irregularities of attendance. He shall register all complaints and delinquencies, and all infractions of rules; and shall prepare notes upon such other matters as form parts of the regular reports of the librarian. He shall, when not otherwise employed, assist in the catalogue department, and perform such other duties as the trustees or librarian may direct.

Article XXI.

The Librarian of the Lower Hall.

Librarian of the lower hall, duties of.

Section 1. The librarian of the lower hall shall, under the librarian, have charge and control of the lower hall library, reading room, vestibule, and the fine-arts room and of the attendants therein. He shall preserve order and quiet in the rooms under his control, and to this end must have power and authority to call to his aid the janitor and his assistants. He must always be present in the lower hall when open to the public either in person, or by such representative as the librarian may approve.

To keep and report statistics

Sect. 2. He shall keep full statistics of the use of the lower hall and reading-room, corrected to the first day of each month, and shall observe and report to the librarian the character of the books circulated or used in the building, calling special attention to desirable or superfluous books and periodicals.

Assistance to readers.

Sect. 3. He shall, as far as possible, advise visitors and readers concerning the books and subjects on which information is sought, and shall investigate their complaints.

To be responsible for discipline, etc.

Sect. 4. He shall be held strictly responsible for the discipline and efficiency of the force employed in his department.

Other duties.

Sect. 5. He shall perform such other duties in connection with his department as may be assigned to him by the trustees or the librarian.

Article XXII.

The Auditor.

Auditor, duties of.

The auditor shall examine and audit all bills and accounts due from the library, the record of receipts from fines, sales of catalogues, and other sources, and shall prepare the monthly requisition upon the city auditor. This officer shall perform such other duties as the trustees or librarian may direct.

Article XXIII.

The Office Secretary.

Office Secretary, duties of.

The office secretary shall, under the librarian, have charge of the trustees' room, and of the books, pamphlets, and documents kept therein. He shall make requisitions for, receipt for, have charge of, and keep an accurate account of all printing and stationery required for use in the library and its branches. He shall discharge such other duties in attendance upon the trustees and librarian as shall be assigned.

Article XXIV.

The Janitor.

Janitor, duties of.

The janitor, with his family, shall live in the rooms provided for him in the central library building. He shall be the messenger of the trustees and of the librarian as well as for the general library service. He shall open all boxes and packages of

books, and place the books where required. He shall carefully guard the property of the institution from loss or injury, and shall personally see that the iron window-shutters are closed during the night and in times of danger. He shall, at least once in each month, make trial of the apparatus intended to extinguish fires, and he shall instruct the employees in the use of the same. He shall have the immediate charge of the grounds, and of the cleaning, heating, and lighting of the building. He shall open and shut the library each day, and shall perform such other duties as the trustees or the librarian may, from time to time, deem proper.

Article XXV.

Janitors of Branch Libraries.

Janitors of branches, duties of.

Section 1. The janitors of the several branches shall warm, light, clean, and keep in good order the rooms of their branches and shall clear the paths and sidewalks of snow, and cut the grass on the grounds, and take care of the same.

Sect. 2. They shall act as librarians' messengers.

To preserve order.

Sect. 3. They shall be present and preserve order in their several libraries Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, and at such other times as the librarian may require, so far as their duties in the care of the buildings may permit.

To assist librarian in certain cases.

Sect. 4. In case of any unexpected and unprovided for absence of the working force of the branch, the janitor shall, so far as may be in his power, afford assistance to the librarian.

Article XXVI.

The Library Service.

Other duties of employees may be prescribed.

Section 1. The position and duties of all persons in the library and its branches, not expressly mentioned in these by-laws, shall be prescribed and defined from time to time by the trustees or the librarian.

Time of employees to be devoted to the library.

Sect. 2. The time of all persons employed in the library should be always occupied in its service. All persons, therefore, so employed must be at their posts promptly every morning when the library opens, and remain there during the hours of their regular duty.

To observe certain rules.

Sect. 3. They will observe the following rules.

1°. They shall admit no visitors within the railings without the leave of the librarian or his representative.

2°. They shall not deliver books, either for home use or for use in the building, to any person not presenting the proper card, or giving the proper receipt therefor.

3°. They shall report to the librarian, in writing, all cases of loss or injury of books or periodicals that may come to their knowledge, and all infractions by visitors of the rules of the library.

4°. They shall in their several lines of duty, enforce the same regulations upon the library attendants who borrow books as upon the public at large, except that they shall not lend a new book to any attendant until two months after its addition to the library, without special permission of the librarian.

5°. They shall not take a book from the place assigned it on the shelves unless in the lines of their prescribed duties.
6°. They shall show no partiality to any persons, by giving them advantages in the use of books or periodicals, not accorded to every one entitled to use the library; and they shall take out no book in the name of any person without presenting the proper card.
Sect. 4. Librarians and heads of departments must enforce these rules.

Article XXVII. The By-Laws.

By-laws may be suspended by unanimous vote.

These by-laws may be suspended at any meeting of the trustees by unanimous consent; but no motion to alter or amend them shall be acted upon until the next meeting after such motion has been submitted in writing to the trustees.

Mr. Griffin. Bowditch Library.

The librarian was authorized to contract with Mr. Griffin to make a catalogue of the mathematical works in the Bowditch library at a cost not exceeding 75 cents an hour.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday, Feby. 15, 1881.

A meeting of the Trustees was held at 3 P.M.
Present: Messrs Greenough, Abbott, Clarke and Pratt.
Mr. Greenough, the President, in the chair.
The records of the last two meetings were read and approved.

Annual appropriation.

A communication from the clerk of committees respecting the annual appropriation for the Public library, was read and ordered to be placed on file.

O'Brien, Hugh. Pratt, Chas. E. reelected trustees.

Also, from the city clerk, certificates of the reelection of Alderman Hugh O'Brien and Councilman Chas E. Pratt as Trustees of the Public Library for the present municipal year.

Clarke, W.B.

W. B. Clarke's bill, amounting to $299.25 for American periodicals was laid before the board by Mr. Greenough from the Book committee and was approved.

Foreign languages and Arts and sciences catalogues.

Mr. Greenough also laid before the Board a communication from Mr. Whitney respecting lists of books in Foreign languages and in Arts and sciences in the lower hall requiring to be catalogued and it was
Ordered. That these catalogues be printed during the present year.

Request for So. Boston library rooms

A communication from Miss Bragdon was read, to the purport that the use of the South Boston library apartments had been requested for a party, by the janitor of the masonic rooms; and the Board declined to grant the request.

Sampson, W.R. and Allen, Frank.

The question whether compensation for time taken as vacation be allowed William R. Sampson and Frederick Allen in the bindery department was laid upon the table.

Monthly bills $9202.81

Mr. Abbot from the Committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury March 1, 1881, amounting as per cash book of this date to $9202.81.

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Payroll $5664.17

Ordered. That the pay roll included in the requisition amounting to $5664.17 be hereby specially approved.

Ordered. That the action of the President in drawing upon Mess. Baring, Bros. & Co., in favor of Ernest Satow, Tokio, Japan for £3.10.6. for publications of the Asiatic Society of Japan, also in favor of Frederik Muller of Amsterdam for £6.19.5 and in favor of Edward G. Allen of London for £10.2.3., be approved.

Ernest Satow £3.10.6

Frederik Muller £6.19.5

E.G. Allen £10.2.3

The President reported that he had drawn two special drafts on the City Treasury, one in favor of Chas. de F. Burns of New York for $59.46 and the other in favor of the Western Historical Company for $148.50.

C. de F. Burns $59.46

West. Hist. Co. $148.50

Patrick Carroll

Ordered. That Patrick Carroll be employed for runner service at $182 per annum.

Fanny McCarthy

Ordered. That Fanny McCarthy's salary be at the rate of $500 per annum from January 1, 1881.

Frank C. Blaisdell

Ordered. That Frank C. Blaisdell's salary be at the rate of $450 per annum from Feby. 1, 1881.

Richard Ray.

Ordered. That Richard Ray's salary be at the rate of $450 per annum from Feby. 1, 1881.

Miss M. E. Osgood.

Miss Osgood's application for increase of salary was referred to the Book Committee.

Mr. Abbot from the Finance committee reported the following estimate for the coming year, to be communicated to the city government:

Books	$17,000	Estimate of appropriations.
Binding	3,000	
Catalogues	4,000	
Fuel	3,000	
Furniture	2,000	
Gas.	5,000	
Expenses	3,000	
Printing and stationery	4,000	
Salaries	72,000	
Transportation	2,000	$115,000

Voted. That the subject of the ventilation of the Lower Hall be referred to Messrs. Pratt and Abbott.

Ventilation of S.H.

The Librarian presented his quarterly report in print which was accepted and placed on file.

Librarians quarterly report.

Voted. That Miss Sheridan of the Dorchester branch be appointed to the vacancy created by the resignation of Miss E. R. Whiton, from Feby 10, 1881 at a salary of $500 per annum.

Miss Sheridan of the Dor. branch.

Voted. That Miss F. W. Pike be appointed assistant at the Dorchester branch in place of Miss Sheridan promoted, at a salary at the rate of $400 per annum.

Miss F. W. Pike.

The Librarian reported that he had contracted with A. P. C. Griffin to make a catalogue of the mathematical works in the Bowditch library, at a compensation of 75 cents an hour, for time actually employed in the same, out of library hours; and by the same authority, he had permitted him to use the Bowditch gallery between 7 and 10 P. M. with stationary gas lights.

A. P. C. Griffin.

Bowditch library.

He laid before the Board the resignation of Miss Esther R. Whiton, assistant at the Dorchester branch, dated Feby. 7, 1881 and a

Miss E. R. Whiton's resignation.

communication from Miss Coffin that Miss Whiton left the service on the 10th inst, and that Miss Sheridan is temporarily filling her place. Also, that Miss Watson is on trial for Miss Sheridan's place.

Miss Sheridan

Miss Watson

He further reported that during his recent visit to Washington, he had an interview with the Commissioner of Patents respecting the plans and specifications between 1869 and 1871; purchased for the Library in 1875 by Henry L. Pierce, and which ever since that time had been the subject of frequent but fruitless correspondence.

U.S. Commissioner of Patents

As a result of the interview the commissioner promised that the matter should be attended to at once.

He also reported that the new By-laws had passed through the hands of the printers and were daily expected.

By-laws.

That Lamb's map of Old Boston, under the Book of Possessions, had been corrected and is now ready for printing — awaiting only for a title and index.

Lamb's Map of Old Boston.

Jan. 26, 1881, Patrick Carroll, a runner for the catalogue room came on trial.

Patrick Carroll.

Adjourned.

Melvil Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday, March 15, 1881.

The regular meeting of the Board was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P. M.

Present: Messrs Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke, Haynes and Pratt, and by special invitation, Messrs. Whitten, Haldeman, Dudley, Child and Cronin from the joint committee on the Public Library, of the City Council.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The President reported that he had drawn on Messrs Baring, Bros, and Co, in favor of Trübner and Co, for £82.13.5 for books arrived since the last meeting.

Trübner. £82.13.5.

Voted. To approve the same.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw upon Baring, Bros, & Co, in favor of A. Trübner & Co, for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

same £100.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to request Messrs Baring, Bros, & Co, to place with their agent in Göttingen £200. to the credit of G. Deuerlich.

Deuerlich £200.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to make a special requisition on the city treasury in favor of Chas. de F. Burns for a sum not exceeding $110 for purchases made at auction in New York.

C. de F. Burns $110

The order that the deductions made in the pay of W. F. Sampson and Frederick Allen on account of vacation be allowed them on next pay roll, on motion of Mr. Abbott was laid on the table.

W. F. Sampson
Fredk. Allen.

Mr. Chase, for the Committee on Adminis-

tration reported that meetings of the Committee had been held on the following dates:

Cabinets. Feb. 19, 1881, to consider McNutts' proposition to make three cabinets for $100.

Sarah Dumas. Feb. 25, 1881. Authorized the Librarian to engage Sarah Dumas as stitcher at $7 per week, and also to purchase type for the bindery.

Wm. Roffe. Feb. 28, 1881. Authorized the Librarian to engage Wm. Roffe as dustman at $1.50 per diem and to supply additional chairs for the Bates Hall study.

Freck. Allen. Arthur Siguere. March 8, 1881, Authorized the Librarian to dispense with the services of Frederick Allen, from Apr. 1, 1881 and to engage Arthur Siguere as forwarder at $15 per week.

Case for Rox. card cat. March 9, 1881. Referred the question of a new case for the Roxbury card catalogue to the Librarian. Report accepted.

Felix Flügel. Mr. Haynes inquired if it was not time to close the agency of Felix Flügel at Leipzig and give him formal notice to that effect: referred to the Book committee.

John Noble. Trustees of Treadwell estate. A communication from John Noble in behalf of the Trustees of the Treadwell Estate was laid before the Board by the President and referred to the Finance committee.

Mr. Greenough then said he was happy to see present so many gentlemen from the Committee on the Public Library from the City council.

He referred to the recent destruction by fire of the state library of Minnesota, and a few years ago, that at Birmingham, England. He would be glad to have them examine the library building and make such suggestions as occurred to them with respect to additional safeguards against fire. Also to examine the mode of

of the purchase, keeping and circulating books: the mode of conducting the finances, and generally of all departments of the Public Library.

He said the Trustees would be glad to give any information desired respecting the administration and working of the library.

Mr. Abbott said he was desired, informally to notify the trustees that the order respecting the appointment of the examining committee had been referred to the committee on ordinances, who were awaiting the action of the Trustees in regard to the proposed change. Order respecting appt. of examining committee

Mr. Greenough said he had been intending to have an interview with that committee.

Adjourned to Tuesday March 22, 1881, at 3.00 P.M. Nellie Chamberlain Clerk

March 22, 1881.

Tuesday March 22, 1881.

An adjourned meeting was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Haynes and Pratt.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meeting held Feby 15, were read and approved

Mr. Chase from the Committee on administration reported some experiments made in the bindery with a view to diminishing the cost of binding in respect to ornamentation and quantity of leather used. New style binding.

Whereupon it was ordered, that narrow gildings of morocco be used and that gildings be limited to title, monogram and shelf number on all books hereafter bound in the library except when same.

otherwise ordered by the Librarian.

He also reported the following nominations of employés on trial in the bindery:

Sarah Dumas. Sarah Dumas, stitcher, at the rate of $7. per week from Feby 21, 1881; Arthur Siguere, forwarder, at the rate of $15 per week from Mar. 14, 1881; which nominations were confirmed.

Arthur Siguere.

The Librarian reported that he had received the resignation of Frank Thomas, in the bindery to take effect at the end of the present week, whereupon he was authorized to engage Samuel Macconnell as an apprentice on the same terms as Frank Thomas was originally engaged.

Frank Thomas

Saml. Macconnell.

Experiment with Finger's patent binding inf.

He also asked leave, which was granted to make an experiment of binding 100 volumes from the Lower hall, according to a patent claimed by Louis Finger, 73 Cornhill, without charge of royalty.

Wm Roffe. Ordered. That William Roffe be employed as dustman at the rate of $1.50 per diem from Feby 28, 1881.

Rebecca Briggs. Ordered. That Rebecca Briggs be employed as runner in the Lower Hall at the rate of $156 per annum from March 8, 1881.

Benj. T. Satz. Ordered. That Benj. T. Satz be employed as extra runner in the Lower hall at the rate of 10 cents per hour from March 16, 1881.

Miss A. C. Miller. Ordered. That Miss Annie C. Miller be employed, on trial in the catalogue department, at the rate of $700 per annum from March 14, 1881.

Monthly bills $9991.44

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City treasury Apr. 1, 1881, amounting as per cash book of this date to $9991.44.

The bills having been duly examined were approved.

Pay roll $5972.47

Ordered. That the pay roll included in the requisition amounting to $5972.47 is hereby specially

approved.

Trübner £100

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw on Baring, Bros, & Co, in favor of A. Trübner & Co, for £100, for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Flügel £35.14.9.

Ordered. That the balance of £35.14.9. paid by Baring, Bros, & Co, in settlement with Flügel of Leipzig, be authorized.

Wm Roffe.

Ordered. That William Roffe be allowed at the rate of $1.50 per diem, from Feby 28, 1881.

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Ordered. That the taking office in the winter season, be referred to the Librarian.

Motion to suspend Art. XVII. By-laws.

Mr. Chase moved to suspend the rule, article XVII, so as to consider the allowance of vacation to Mr. Allen and Mr. Sampson, in the bindery; objection was made and the rule was not suspended.

Mr. Greenough temporarily left the chair, which was occupied by Mr. Pratt.

On motion of Mr. Haynes for the book committee the following orders were passed.

Duplicate fiction for branches.

Ordered. That duplicate works of fiction shall not be bought for the branch libraries except by vote of the Book committee.

Ordered. That the Librarian be instructed.

Stamp for Prince books

to have a stamp prepared containing the words "Prince Library, in the custody of the Boston Public Library" and have it placed in such books of the Prince Library as have no plate in them.

Brinley sale.

Ordered. That the Book committee be authorized to expend not exceeding $1000. for the purchase of books at the approaching Brinley sale, to be charged to the several trust funds.

Flügel's agency.

Ordered. That the Book committee be authorized to terminate the agency of Felix Flügel, of Leipzig for the purchase of German books.

Jewett.

Ordered. That the request of Mr. Jewett to remove the portraits of Judge Shaw, and Professor Chas. C. Jewett, from the building for the purpose of having negatives made of them be granted upon condition that Mr. Winsor assume the responsibility of their safe keeping and return uninjured

Requisition for Catalogues of Foreign languages and of Arts & sciences

Ordered. That the Book committee recommend to the Trustees that a requisition be made for the printing of 1000 copies of the catalogues of works in Foreign language and 1200 copies of the catalogue of works in the Arts and sciences.

Dawson's historical magazine.

Ordered. That the Librarian be authorized to purchase at $30.00 a set of Dawson's Historical magazine for the Charlestown branch.

Biologia centrali americana.

Ordered. That the Book committee be authorized to subscribe for Biologia Centrali Americana, edited by F. Ducane Goodman and Osbert Salvin.

Ella R. Dillon.

Voted. That Ella R. Dillon of the Lower hall have leave of absence for one month from Feby. 19, 1881.

Ventilation coms. report.

Mr. Pratt from the special committee on ventilation made a report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file,

wherenpon it was

Ventilation of Lower Hall.

Voted. That the order offered by Mr. Pratt at the last meeting of the Common council relative to the ventilation of the Lower hall of the Library and the transfer of $2500 for the purpose from the funds of the Library, is fully approved by the Board.

Wm Roffe.

The Librarian reported that William Roffe entered the service on trial as dustman, 28th February at the pay of $1.50 per diem, and recommended his appointment.

Sarah Dumas.

That Sarah Dumas had been employed as stitcher in the bindery from 23d February, at $7.00 per week.

Annie C. Miller.

That Miss Annie C. Miller was on trial in the catalogue room, on a salary at the rate of $500 per annum from March 14, 1881.

Arthur Siguere.

That Arthur Siguere had been employed as a forwarder in the bindery from Mch. 14, 1881 at $15 per week.

Benj. Stearns.

That Benj. Stearns, Bates Hall runner, left the service March 5, 1881.

Ella R. Dillon.

That Miss Ella R. Dillon had requested leave of absence for one month, on account of sickness.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Apr. 12. 1881.

April 12, 1881.

Special meeting

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.30 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke, Haynes and Pratt.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Appt. of examining committee.

Some conversation was held respecting the appointment of the examining committee during the pendency of a proposed change in the mode of appointment before the City council but no action was had.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to make a special draft on the City treasurer in favor of Charles de F. Burns for $309.32 for purchases made at auction in New York.

Chas de F. Burns $309.32.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to make a special draft on the City Treasurer in favor of Heywood, Bros, & Co, Gardner, Mass, for $30. for chairs for the Bates Hall study.

Heywood Bros. $30.

The Committee on administration were authorized to purchase a new carpet for the Trustees' room.

New carpet for T.R.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Apr. 19. 1881.

April 19. 1881.

A meeting of the Corporation was held at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs Greenough, Abbott, Clarke and Haynes.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings held 15th and 22d of March and 12th April were read and approved.

The President laid before the Board a communication from the City Clerk to the effect that Samuel A.B. Abbott, Esq. had been appointed and confirmed as Trustee of the Public Library for five years from May 2, 1881, also the order from the city council authorizing the Committee on public buildings to expend $2500 for ventilating the Lower hall and that the Auditor of accounts transfer from the Library appropriation that sum to constitute a special appropriation for the purpose; read and ordered to be placed on file.

S. A. B. Abbott, Esq. Trustee for 5 years from May 2, 1881.

Ventilation of L. H. $2500.

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on finance reported the following pay roll for the year from April 1, 1881 which was read and adopted:

Pay-roll 1881-2

Chamberlain,	M.	4.000
Whitney,	J. L.	2,500
Knapp,	A. M.	2,000
Carret,	J. F.	2.000
Foster,	W. H.	1,700
Ford,	W. E.	1,500
Tiffany,	Edwd.	1,500
Griffin,	A.P.C.	1,400
Adams,	W. G.	900
Robinson,	W. F.	1000

Swift, Lindsay	950
Nichols, A.A.	900
Pike, H.N.	900
Green H.E.	900
Knowles L.F.	600
McGrath, M.A.	600
Porée, C.E.	600
Cummings Thos. H. (after 6 mos.)	900
Reed, E.J.	600
Fuller, Edith	800
Porée, A.M.	550
Mack, Eliza J.	500
Mack, Sarah A.	500
Osgood, M.F.	550
Miller, A.C.	500
McCarthy, Timothy	500
White, John	500
Gray, Louis F.	700
Jenkins, M.A.	600
Whyte, Thomas	500
Otis, M.C.	500
Blake, H.C.	500
Kennedy, A.M.	500
Bresnahan, E.E.	500
McCarthy, E.F.	500
Dillon, Ella R.	450
Ross, R.B.	300
Bennett, J.P.	300
Blaisdell, Frank	450
Ray, Richard	450
Doyle, Margaret	400
Young, W.M.L.	350
Knight, A.S.	312
Moore, E.J.	225
Blaisdell, Fred.	182
O'Kane, Thos. H.	182

Donovan, Daniel	182
Johnson, James	182
Canny, William	182
Carroll, Patrick	182
Gettings, J.L.	182
M.A. Sheridan	312
McGrath, Catherine	156
Clifford, Margaret	208
Richards, Florence	208
Shea, Annie G.	208
Sheridan, Minnie	156
Eastman, Roxanna M.	383
Roffe, William	468
Doyle, Mary	156
Anderson, Mary	156
Butler, John	260
Anderson, Paul	260
Young, Harry	260
Von Olker, Fred.	260
Damen, Mabel	85
Twickler, Louis	85
Bindery.	
Blake, A.M.	1200
Cervi, Romeo	1100
Sandford, Peleg	1040
Sampson, W.F.	1000 4300
Roe, Edwd. M.	780
Siguere, Arthur	780
Wheeler, Martha	494
Austen, Mary	494
Moriarty, M.G.	468
Bowen, Sarah E.	416
Dumas, Sarah	416
Macconnell, Jane	208

East Boston

Goddard, Sarah E.	700
Hosea, Geo. H.	600
Pray, Mary R.	500
Wing, Alice M.	500
Cathcart, M. E.	350
Extra assistants	400

South Boston.

Bragdon, A. J.	700
Baker, Joseph	600
Davis, Emma.	500
Eaton, E. A.	500
McCarthy, Honora	450
Sampson, Ida	350
Extra assistants.	300

Roxbury.

Bunker, Sarah	700
Curtis, E. R.	700
Bradley, Mary	500
Puffer, Dora	450
Bell, Helen M.	400
Blood, Margaret E.	208
Extra assistants	400

Charlestown.

Carter, C. S.	1000
Smith, Thos. E.	300
Eberle, Annie E.	500
Swain, M. P.	500
Davis, A. L.	156
Extra assistants.	560

Brighton.

Brock, Mary E.	500
Brock, James M.	500
Brock, F. B.	109
Grailey, M. F.	150

Dorchester.

Coffin, Mary H.	600
Davenport, Edwd	400
Sheridan, Jennie	500
Pike, Fanny W.	400
Watson, L. A.	25 —
Hill, M. A. Lower Mills	125 —

South End.

DeBorges, Grace A.	600
Morse, Maud	500
Reuter, E. H.	182
	600

Jamaica Plain.

Davis, E. R.	600
Barton, A. J.	500
Johnson, Timothy	300
Extra assistants.	400
Bowthorpe, Saml. T. Roxbury	83.33
Woodward, M. R. W. Rox.	100
Davis, J. M. "	25 —

Mr. Abbott also reported from the same committee a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury May 1, 1881 amounting as per cash book of this date to $8091.69.

Monthly bills

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay roll included in

Monthly pay-roll.

the requisition amounting to $5565.94 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £35.5.3

Voted. That the action of the President in drawing on Messrs Baring, Bros. & Co. for the sum of £35.5.3. being the amount of Messrs. Trübner & Co.'s invoices in excess of the sum authorized at the last meeting, be approved.

H.B. Dawson, Hist. Mag.

Voted. That the action of the President in drawing upon the City Treasurer in favor of H.B. Dawson, Morrisania, N.Y. for $30 for a set of the Historical magazine, and in favor of Messrs. Tice and Lynch, agents of B. F. Stevens of London, for the sum of $71.15 for portraits etc., in Müller's Catalogue, be approved.

Tice and Lynch (Stevens)

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw a special requisition on the City Treasurer in favor of Lovejoy & Co., for an amount not exceeding $400 the cost of a new carpet for the Trustees' room.

Lovejoy and Co. $400 for new carpet

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw on Messrs Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of A. Trübner & Co., for a sum not exceeding £100. for amount of invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Trübner $100.

Authority to President to draw various drafts.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw special drafts upon the City Treasurer for any sums of money due from the Library for material furnished during the past year and not yet presented for payment.

Lamb's Map, 250 copies

The Committee on Books reported that 250 copies of Lamb's Map of old Boston had been printed and were ready for distribution.

Distribution of same.

Ordered. That the Librarian be authorized to distribute the same among such institutions, libraries and persons as should be deemed expedient.

Mrs. Keen, resigns

The Librarian reported the resignation of Mrs. Anna C. S. Keen, assistant in the Catalogue department, 16 April 1881.

Flügel's agency closed.

Prof. Haynes for the Book Committee reported that instructions had been given to the Librarian to terminate the agency of Felix Flügel of Leipzig.

E. B. branch to be closed for repairs.

Ordered. That the East Boston branch library be closed for repairs at such time and for so long as may be necessary therefor.

Lower Hall catalogs of Arts and sciences and Foreign languages, $1500

Ordered. That the President be authorized to make special drafts on the City Treasurer in sums not exceeding in the aggregate $1500 to pay for the printing of the catalogues of Works in the Arts and Sciences and of works in the Foreign Languages, for the Lower Hall.

Balance for 1880-81 at City Treasury.

Ordered. That the City Treasurer be requested to transmit in sterling to Messrs. Baring, Bros., & Co., to be placed to the credit of the Trustees, the balance of money in his hands for 1880-'81 belonging to the Library.

W. R. Sampson and Frederick Allen

On motion of Mr. Abbott the order respecting allowances to Mr. R. Sampson, and Frederick Allen, severally, for vacation was taken from the table, and it was ordered that the President be authorized to make special drafts in their favor on the City Treasurer for the several sums of $52.45 and $46.56.

Miss Everle's absence

Ordered. That for reasons given by Dr. Carter of the Charlestown branch that Miss Everle's absence for 5 days be excused without deduction of pay.

The Librarian reported on the order of the last meeting respecting ice taken for the Trustees' room in the winter season.

Sam. Macconnell $208 per an.

That he had engaged Samuel Macconnell formerly in the service as runner, as an apprentice in the bindery at the rate of $208 per annum, in place of Frank Thomas who had left the service: approved and appointment confirmed.

Bequest to B. A. of books

He laid before the Board a communication from Miss Bunker to the effect that the Fellowes Athenæum had received a bequest of 800 or 1000 volumes by the will of the late Mrs. Bartlett, widow of the late Dr. Henry Bartlett.

Assistant to Curator of B. of Catalogue.

He also called attention to the need of an additional assistant to take charge of the Lower Hall card catalogue during the evening, payable by the hour at the rate of 25 cents. He was authorized to employ such assistant.

Poplar St. club.

Also, a request of the Popear St. club for a loan of duplicate volumes. Referred to the Librarian.

Adjourned.

Nellie Chamberlain
Clerk.

Friday, April 29, 1881. April 29, 1881.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.30 P.M.

Present: Messrs Greenough, Abbott, Clarke and Haynes.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Examining Com.

Mr. Greenough, the President said that the appointment of the Examining Committee required by Section 4th of the Ordinances to be made annually had been deferred in consequence of the pendency in the City Council of a proposition to change the mode of appointment, but as no action had resulted it became necessary in compliance with the ordinance for the Trustees to make the appointment in the usual manner.

The following persons were unanimously elected:

Same.

Edward J. Holmes, Esq.
Rev. Geo. E. Ellis, D.D. substitute Rev. Leighton Parks.
Edwin P. Seaver, Esq. " W. G. Williamson, Esq.
Henry Lee, Esq. " J. M. Fearo, Esq.
Howard P. Arnold, Esq. " Aug. Flagg, Esq.
Mrs. Chas. G. Smith. " Mrs. Prof. Richards
Mrs. Edward W. Cheney.
Dr. H. P. Bowditch " Dr. Hall Curtis.

Balance for 1880-81 £1536. 3. 10 or $7427.50

The President stated that he had settled with the Treasurer for the balance of money in the treasury belonging to the Library, and had remitted to Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., the sum of £1536. 3. 10. sterling or $7427.50 which amount includes $500 of Bowditch funds.

also Hinckley, So. End assistant resigns.

The Librarian reported that Miss Hinckley, second assistant of the South End

branch had resigned on account of ill-health and he suggested that Maggie Sheridan, Lower Hall assistant be transferred on trial to Miss Hinckley's place at a salary at the rate of $360, and that one of the extra assistants in the Lower Hall, if found to be competent should take Miss Sheridan's place; approved and ordered.

Maggie Sheridan.

The Librarian was also authorized to employ Miss Getchell as extra assistant if it should be found desirable.

Miss Getchell.

He also proposed to make arrangements by which the female employees at the branches shall be allowed one forenoon each week from 9 o'clock to 1 P.M. during the months of June, July and August. The trial of the experiment was approved whereupon it was ordered, That the Branch Librarians may so arrange the hours of service for the months of June, July and August, that the female employees may in turn, have one forenoon a week for the present library year, provided, however, that this privilege cannot be allowed when the service requires full attendance.

Forenoon per week allowed to female employees at Branches, during June, July and Aug.

Same.

Ordered That the Librarian be authorized to renew such of the window shades as require with such additional as may be necessary.

Window shades.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

May 2, 1881.

May 2, 1881

The Trustees met for organization at 3.00 P.M.

Annual meeting.

Present: Mess. Greenough, Clarke and Haynes.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk and on a ballot William W. Greenough Esq., was elected President of the Board.

W.W. Greenough Esq. elected President.

Mellen Chamberlain was elected clerk of the Corporation and was duly sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of his office, as appears by the following certificate:

Mellen Chamberlain chosen clerk.

Suffolk, ss. May 2, 1881.

Then personally appeared the above named Mellen Chamberlain and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of the Clerk of the Corporation

Clerk sworn.

Before me

W. W. Greenough Justice of the Peace.

Ordered. That the By-laws of last year continue in force until others are adopted in their stead.

By-laws.

Mellen Chamberlain was elected Librarian.

Librarian chosen.

Ordered. That the next regular meeting of the Board take place May 17th.

The President appointed the following standing Committees:

Standing Comm.tees

Administration,	Chase, Haynes and O'Brien.
Books,	Haynes, Clarke and Chase.
Branches,	Clarke, Abbott and Pratt.
Finance.	Abbott, O'Brien and Pratt.

The President reported that he had drawn on Mess. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of A. Trübner & Co, for the sum of £ 21. 10. 4 being the excess of the amount authorized at the last meeting.

Drawer £21. 10. 4.

Voted. To approve the same.

Prof Haynes, Chairman of Exam. Com.

Mr. Haynes was appointed chairman of the Examining Committee.

W.C. Williamson and Darwin E. Ware added to Exam. Com.

On motion of Dr. Clarke, the names of Messrs. Wm. C. Williamson and Darwin E. Ware were added to the Examining Committee.

The Librarian reported the following changes in the service:

A. S. Knight.

That Arthur F. Knight, Mr. Griffin's assistant in the shelf department, left the service April 30, and that Wm. Canny, Bates Hall runner had been transferred to his place, on trial.

Wm Canny.

Annie G. Shea.

That Annie G. Shea, Lower Hall runner, had been transferred on trial to the place of assistant made vacant by the transfer of Miss Maggie Sheridan to the South End, at a salary of $260 per annum.

Accepted and approved.

A. M. Blake

That Andrew M. Blake, foreman of the bindery had sent in his resignation as foreman, to take effect May 31, 1881.

Referred to the Librarian to consider and report.

Mrs. Collins.

He asked for authority to engage Mrs. Collins temporarily to arrange newspapers at the rate of 25 cents an hour; granted

Bowditch catalogue completed.

He reported that Mr. Griffin had completed the catalogue of the Bowditch Library at a cost of $297.16.

Sem-annual report of Mr Cummings

He submitted the semi-annual report of Mr. Cummings, Curator of the Lower Hall card catalogue.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Monday, May 9, 1881.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at 3.30 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke and Haynes, and by invitation Dr. Blake, chairman of the text-book Committee of the School Board and Mr. Seaver, Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Greenough, the President, in the chair.

Conference with School Board.

Mr. Greenough referred to an interview on Friday last, at the School Committee rooms on Mason St., between the Committee on Text-books of the School Board, and the Book Committee of the Public Library, at which meeting was considered the propriety of such joint action of the two boards as would lead to the adoption and extension of the system of supplying books for reading, by the Public Library, as had been done for the Wells School, for the past two years.

He read memoranda of what was proposed by the Committee on Text-books.

Discussion of proposed joint-action of School Board and Trustees of Library.

The joint action proposed by the Committee of the School Board was very fully discussed. The Trustees present expressed their individual approval of the Wells School System of reading, but question was raised whether it should not be conducted under the sole direction of the School Committee.

After some further discussion of the details of a plan of joint action, the President said the Trustees would give the subject that consideration which its importance required and with that view he proposed that action be deferred until Thursday next.

The President said that the proposition to open Bates Hall for two evenings a week

Proposed opening of Bates Hall evenings

offered in the City Council had been referred to the Joint Committee on the Public Library and that on a hearing given by that Committee Thursday May 5 at 1 P.M., he, Prof. Haynes and the Librarian had been present.

He had been informed that the Committee reported that the whole matter be referred to the Trustees.

After some discussion, action on the matter was deferred and the Board adjourned to Thursday 12th inst. at 3.30 P.M.

Melen Chapman
Clerk

Memorandum.

The School Committee with Trustees of Public Library to petition the City Government for an appropriation of $1000 for reading books for the schools.

Process, 60 copies of each reading book to be distributed as asked for by the masters of the school.

Selection of the books to be made by the Trustees of the Library and approved by the School Committee.

General list of desirable books to be made by the Trustees of the Library and submitted for approval to School Committee.

The books to be loaned under library rules from 2 weeks to 6 mos.

The same books not to be distributed in turn to the schools unless asked for by other teachers.

Books to be cared for by the Trustees of the Library — but delivered and returned at the expense of the schools.

If a success, it will be a great success.

It is to be agreed that each party retain their own independence of the other, although working together for educational purposes.

Benefit to the library considered to be in the improved reading sought for at the Library — increasing yearly with the success of the system.

It is not in the power of the School Committee to do the work so economically or so efficiently as the Public Library.

A decision at once is wanted in order to bring the question before the City Government before vacation.

Possibility of extending same system to the High schools?

And to the 2nd and 3d classes of grammar schools in time?

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Trustees' room, Thursday May 12, 1881 at 3 o'clock P.M. May 12, 1881.

Present: Messrs. Mlenough, Clarke, Haynes and Pratt.

The President Mr. Mlenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meeting of May 9, approved.

The Clerk laid before the Board the following papers from the City Council:

City of Boston.

In Common Council.

April 28, 1881.

Ordered. That the Committee on the Public Library be requested to report at the next meeting of the Common Council on the expediency of having Bates Hall opened on one or more evenings of each week until 10 o'clock, for the accommodation of persons desiring to consult works on arts, manufactures, mining and other important subjects, who are now debarred from such privilege on account of inability to devote the necessary time to said investigation during business hours; and especially as regards such valuable

Proposed opening of Bates Hall one or more evenings a week.

books of reference as can only be consulted at the Library, and are not allowed, under the rules, to be taken away from the building.

Sent up for concurrence.

(signed) Andrew J. Bailey.
President.

In Board of Aldermen, May 2, 1881.
Concurred
(signed) Hugh O'Brien
Chairman.

Approved, May 3, 1881.
(signed) Frederick O. Prince
Mayor.

City of Boston.
In Common Council.
May 5, 1881.

Proposed opening of B.H. one or more evenings a week.

The joint standing committee on the public library who were requested to report upon the expediency of opening Bates Hall one or more evenings of each week beg leave to report that in their opinion, the subject should be referred to the Trustees of the library, whose position enables them to judge better of the advisability of the proposed measure and of the practicability of carrying it into effect.

The committee would, therefore recommend the passage of the following order.

For the Committee
(signed) Otis B. Dudley.

In Common Council, May 5, 1881.
Accepted. Sent up for concurrence.
(signed) W. P. Gregg.
Clerk of the Common council.

Approved, May 11, 1881.
(signed) Frederick O. Prince
Mayor.

Ordered. That the Trustees of the Public Library be requested to report to the City Council upon the expediency of opening Bates Hall, one or more evenings in each week, for the accommodation of persons desirous of consulting books of reference; together with an estimate of the expense of doing so.

Sent up for concurrence.
(signed) W. P. Gregg.
Clerk of the Common Council.

In Board of Aldermen, May 9, 1881.
Concurred.
(signed) Hugh O'Brien.
Chairman.

Special meeting to give a public hearing upon proposed opening of Bates Hall evenings.

Ordered on motion of Mr. Pratt that at a special meeting, at a time and place to be fixed by the President, a public hearing be had before the Board on the question of opening Bates Hall one or more evenings a week.

Lambs map not for sale.

Ordered. That the Librarian inform Messrs. A. Williams and Co, that it is not intended to sell copies of Lambs Map of Old Boston.

W. D. Bowditch. Parker books asked to be retained.

The Librarian laid before the Board a letter from Wm. D. Bowditch for the executors of Mrs. Theodore Parker, asking to be allowed to retain a few books of no worth to the city and only valuable to the family. Referred to the Librarian

J. A. Sutherland to build wall book case for F. a. $90.00

The Librarian was authorized to contract with John A. Sutherland to build a wall book case for Fellowes Athenaeum at an expense not exceeding $90.00.

Miss Edith Fuller.

The President informed the Board that Miss Edith Fuller might leave the service of the Board to engage in teaching. The opinion being expressed that it was desirable to retain

services, the Librarian was authorized to negotiate with her and as an inducement to add a sum not exceeding $100 to her salary.

Joint recommendation of Trustees and School Com.

The subject of the joint recommendation to the City council by the Trustees and the School Committee, to appropriate $1000 for the purchase of books for use of the schools according to the Wells school plan was discussed and laid on the table — to be taken up at a fuller meeting of the Board.

Adjourned

Melvin Hamilton Lane
Clerk.

The monthly meeting of the Board was held in the Trustees' room, on Tuesday, May 17, 1881 at 3.00 P. M. — May 17, 1881.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Haynes and O'Brien.

The President, Mr. Greenough in the chair.

The records of the meetings held severally April 19 and 29 and May 2 and 12 were read and approved.

Monthly bills.

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury June 1, 1881 amounting as per cash book of this date to $76.33.52

The bills having been duly examined by the Board, were approved.

Pay roll.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to $910.50 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw on Messrs Baring Bros, & Co. in favor of Trübner & Co for an amount not exceeding £125 for invoices to arrive before the next meeting.

Harold Smith.

Ordered. That Harold Smith be employed as Bates Hall runner from May 4, 1881. at $182 per annum.

Mary J. Morton.

Ordered That Mrs. Mary J. Morton be allowed as stitcher in the Bindery at the rate of $7.00 per week from April 28, 1881.

D. R. Williams "Stockbridge books"

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw a special requisition on the City Treasurer in favor of D. R. Williams of Stockbridge, Mass, for $80.00 for books received March 21, 1881.

Branches closed at 7 P.M.

Ordered. That the Branch libraries be closed at 7. o'clock P.M. with the exception of Saturday nights during the months of June, July and August.

Edward A. Hunt. Edgar A. Hunt.

Edward A. Hunt was approved as substitute for Edgar A. Hunt, Mr. Bennett's substitute in the reading room, for two months from May 21, 1881.

Fanny Maccarty

Fanny Maccarty, of the catalogue department is granted two weeks absence and the Librarian was authorized to employ Miss Appleton as her substitute.

Changes in catalogue and ordering depts.

The Librarian proposed the following changes in the catalogue and ordering departments:

First, that the Library day in the aforesaid departments close at 5 o'clock P.M.

Miss Edith Fuller.

Second, that Miss Edith Fuller be appointed Associate clerk of the ordering department at a salary at the rate of $900 per annum.

Assistant.

Third, that the Librarian be authorized to report to the Board the name of a suitable person to be specially trained to the work of that department.

Curator of Official Card Catalogue.

Fourth, that a new office be created as adjunct to the catalogue department to be styled the Curatorship of the Official Card Catalogue, the duties of the incumbent in said office to be as follows: To have charge of the official card catalogue and to be responsible for its good order, and that all cards received from the catalogue department be properly arranged therein; To make report on all the preliminary searches on recommendation slips, catalogues and auction sales.

Miss Burnell

He recommended the appointment of Miss Burnell as Curator of Official Card Catalogue, at a salary at the rate of $700 per annum.

The foregoing recommendations were approved and adopted to take effect June 1, ensuing.

Mrs. Otis.

Ordered. That the Librarian give notice to Mrs. Otis that her connection with the Library will terminate July 1, 1881.

Parker bequest.

The Librarian reported that he had received from the Executors of Mrs. Theodore Parker between 1000 and 2000 volumes, the bust of Mr Parker by Story, the crayon likenesses of Mr. and Mrs. Parker by Cheney, and Mr Parker's library desk, a gift to the Library.

Bust of Theo. Parker. Portraits of Mr. & Mrs. P.

He also read the letters of W. D. Bowditch, Executor and J. O. Wardwell respecting certain books retained for the relatives, which letter were placed on file.

W. D. Bowditch. J. O. Wardwell.

He reported that the following persons had accepted the appointment as members of the Examining Committee and the resignation therefrom of Henry Lee, Esq.

Examining Com^tee

Rev. Geo. E. Ellis D.D., Edwin P. Seaver, Esq., Dr. H. P. Bowditch, Wm. C. Williamson, Esq., Howard P. Arnold, Esq., Henry Lee, Esq., Edward J. Holmes, Esq., Darwin E. Ware, Esq. Mrs. Chas. C. Smith, Mrs Ednah D. Cheney.

Ordered. That the Librarian be authorized to employ William Kilmurry as janitor of the South End branch at a salary not exceeding $600 at such time as the Committee on branches shall deem expedient.

William Kilmurry

The subject of the proposed joint-action of the Trustees and the School Committee in respect to the Wells School plan of supplying reading for the public schools was taken from the table and upon consideration it was voted that one or more orders respecting the same be drafted and submitted to the Board.

School Com^tee

Wells school plan

On motion of Alderman O'Brien, voted, that the Trustees recommend that the

Plans for New building.

City Architect, in consultation with them may be authorized to prepare suitable plans for a new fire-proof building, proposed to be erected at the corner of Dartmouth and Boylston streets, on land given by the Commonwealth on condition "The said city of Boston shall within three years from the date of the passage of this act [April 22, 1880] commence the erection of a library building on said parcel of land."

The following resolution was adopted.

Adams estate.

Resolved, that in the judgment of the Trustees, the estate adjoining the Public Library on Boylston St. known as the Adams estate, purchased for the enlargement of the present edifice, is neither presently nor prospectively needed for that purpose, and therefore they recommend that it be sold and the proceeds of such sale be invested as a fund to be applied to the erection of a new building on the lot of land given by the Commonwealth for that purpose.

Public Hearing upon opening B.St. evenings

Ordered. That a public hearing on the opening of the Central Library for one or more evenings in the week be had in the Art room on Saturday 28th May at 3. P.M.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

May 24th. 1881.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held Tuesday 24th May at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase and Haynes.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was deferred.

Mr. Greenough submitted the following vote which was adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the Committee on Text Books of the School Committee.

Draft of plan for books for auxiliary reading.

Voted. That recognizing the great success of the system of auxiliary reading as adopted as a branch of education at the Wells and other schools, the Trustees of the Public Library will assist in the scheme proposed by the text book committee of the School Committee upon the following basis:

Same.

They will recommend to the City Government that a special appropriation of $1000 for the present financial year of the city be granted by the City council to be disbursed upon the following system: that the whole expense of the purchase of books and of their distribution, including boxes, transportation, preparation and superintendence shall be paid from the fund, and that the selection of each text book proceeding from the master, as in his judgment best suited to his purpose from a list prepared and approved by the Text Book Committee, shall be transmitted to the Librarian of the Public Library, who shall purchase the same either from the regular agents of the Library or such other party, as in his judgment will be most favorable and be sent to the master of the school.

When received at the Library each volume shall be labelled - "Special appropriation of the City Council for the use of schools". And the on-

trol and management of the said fund and books shall be assumed by the School Committee at ninety days notice from the Trustees of the Public Library that they desire to relinquish the same.

It is also agreed, provided the experience of the coming year is successful that unless the City Council in their next annual appropriation should provide a sum for auxiliary reading, that the Trustees of the Library shall join with the school committee in petitioning for a special appropriation for the purpose in such sum as shall be agreed upon conference between the two bodies to be administered upon the terms herein proposed.

Alterations for new So. End branch.

Voted. That the Trustees approve the plans submitted by the City Architect for the alteration of certain rooms in the New English High and Latin school building for the use of the South End branch library.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

May 28, 1881.

A meeting was held in the Art room on Saturday May 28, 1881 at 3 P. M. agreably to the following notice published in all the leading daily papers:

Opening of Bates Hall evenings.

A public hearing will be given upon the subject of the proposed opening of Bates Hall one or more evenings in the week, on Saturday May 28, 1881 at 3 P. M., in the Art Room (Lower Hall).

Present: Messrs. Greenough and Haynes.

After waiting until 3.15 the President enquired if any person present desired to speak and no one appearing, the meeting was dissolved.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' on Tuesday June 14, at 3 P. M. — June 14, 1881.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke and Haynes.

Mr. Greenough, the President, in the chair.

The records of the meetings held May 17, 24 and 28 were read and approved.

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Finance, presented the statement of trust-funds account, which was read and ordered to be placed upon file. — Trust funds a/c.

Also, a schedule of bills payable at the city treasury July 1, 1881, amounting as per cash book of this date to $8550.47. — Monthly bills.

The bills having been duly examined were allowed.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to $5876.87 is hereby specially approved. — Pay-roll.

The President reported that he had drawn on Mess. Baring, Bros, & Co., in favor of A. Trübner & Co., for £22.5.3 being in excess of the amount authorized at the last meeting. — Trübner £22.5.3

Voted. To approve the same.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw on Mess. Baring, Bros, & Co., in favor of A. Trübner & Co., for an amount not exceeding £125 for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board. — Trübner £125.

Ordered. That the Library be closed the 17th of June. — 17th June.

The Librarian was authorized to arrange with Mess. Knapp, Carret and Griffin so that they shall alternate in the care of Bates Hall after 5 o'clock P. M. — Care of B. H. after 5 P.M.

Voted. That Article XVII of the By-Laws — Holidays to Binders and janitors

Article XVII. By-Laws Construction of.

be so construed that the employees in the Bindery and the janitors shall have as vacation days the legal holidays and other days when the Library is closed by vote of the Trustees.

Duplicates and unused books in S. H.

Mr. Greenough called attention to the large number of duplicates and other unused books in the Lower Hall which had been on the shelves three years and suggested that some disposition might be made of them.

Referred to the Book Committee with full powers.

Communication from Mrs. C. Smith

Prof. Haynes read a communication from Mrs. Chas. C. Smith, in respect to the Branches.

Referred to the Committee on Branches.

Branches, visits to.

The Librarian, in the same connection, suggested that it might be made a part of his official duty to visit the Branches at stated times.

Hall, G. Stanley, Chaplin, H. W., special privileges granted to.

Special cards were granted to G. Stanley Hall to take 4 books for 2 weeks, the privilege to last a year, and to H. W. Chaplin, to take 2 books 2 weeks for three months.

G. Denerlich £200.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to request Mess. Baring, Bros., & Co., to place £200 to the credit of their agent in Göttingen, to be drawn against by G. Denerlich for the purchase of books for the Bowditch collection.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

June 25, 1881.

June 25, 1881.

A special meeting of the Board was held in the Trustees' room at 9 a. m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke and Haynes.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was deferred.

Coffin, C. C., letter from, in relation to Southern papers.

A letter from C. C. Coffin in relation to Southern newspapers was referred to the Book Committee to be reported upon.

Miss Grailey's salary.

A letter from Miss Grailey of the Brighton branch asking for increase of salary, was referred to the Committee on branches.

Reports from Exam. Com^tee, Librarian, Trustees' report.

The report of the Examining Committee was received and also that of the Librarian. Mr. Greenough submitted the annual report of the Trustees.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

July 19, 1881.

July 19, 1881

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held at 3.00 P.M.

Present Mess. Abbott, Clarke, O'Brien and Pratt.

In the absence of the President, who sailed for Liverpool in the "Samaria" July 9, at 5 o'clock P.M. to be absent three months, Rev. Dr. Clarke was chosen President, pro tem, and was in the chair.

Rev. Dr. Clarke, president, pro tem.

The records of the meetings held June 14th and 25th were read and approved.

Monthly bills.

Mr. Abbott, for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Aug. 1. 1881 amounting as per cash book of this date to $10,352.66

The bills having been duly examined by the Board, were approved.

Pay-roll.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to $5,824.33 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £107.4.6

Ordered. That the President, pro tem. be authorized to draw on Mess. Baring, Bros, & Co, in favor of N. Trübner & Co, for £107.4.6. for invoices arrived.

Ordered. That the President pro tem, be authorized to draw on Mess. Baring, Bros, & Co, for a sum not exceeding £100 for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. R. Lévesque.

Ordered. That Robert Levesque be employed temporarily in the Catalogue Department at the rate of $8 per week from June 20, 1881.

Miss L. B. Godfrey.

Ordered. That Miss Lydia B. Godfrey be employed in the Ordering department at a salary at the rate of $500 per annum from July 11, 1881.

Mary Atkinson.

Ordered. That Mary Atkinson be employed as runner at the South End branch at the rate of $156 per annum from July 5, 1881.

Wm Kilmurray.

Ordered That William Kilmurray be allowed at the rate of $600 per annum from June 28, 1881, as janitor of the South End Branch.

Miss Grailey's salary.

On the report and recommendation of the Committee on Branches, the salary of Miss M. T. Grailey of the Brighton Branch was raised to $250 from the first of May 1881.

Maggie Doyle's case.

The Librarian reported that with the consent and approval of Mess. Grunough and Abbott of the Trustees, Maggie Doyle, in charge of the Bates Hall indicator, was suspended with loss of pay, under the rule, on 9th July for unauthorized issue of a Library card to her brother James R. Doyle. Report accepted and suspension approved.

Same.

Voted. That Maggie Doyle be allowed to return to the service on a reduction of $60 from her salary for the remainder of the Library year.

The Librarian was authorized to consider, and if in his judgment it should appear expedient to require that all Library cards be signed by the registration clerk, or his assistant.

** books, rule modified.

Article 11 of the Regulations in the Handbook for Readers concerning restrictions on use of books was amended so that books marked ** may be loaned by the written permission of any Trustee or of the Librarian.

Mary Atkinson.

The Librarian reported that Mary Atkinson had been appointed runner at the South End branch, subject to the approval of the Board, at a salary of $156 per annum.

Approved and appointment confirmed.

South End branch, removed

The Librarian reported that the South End Library had been removed to the new apartments in the High School building on Montgomery St, and the premises at the corner of

Tremont and West Newton streets, given up June 30, 1881.

Wm. Kilmurray. That agreeably to the authority conferred upon him by vote of the Trustees, May 17, 1881, he had contracted with William Kilmurray as janitor of the South End branch at a salary at the rate of $600 per an.

Miss L. B. Godfrey. That Miss L. B. Godfrey entered the service in the entry department July 11, 1881, at a salary at the rate of $500 per annum.

He also reported a gift to the Library from Chas. D. Brainard Chas. H. Brainard, representing various contributors, of a portrait marble bust of John Whittier bust. Greenleaf Whittier by Preston Powers, and that he had placed the same in the Art Room.

He also reported a similar disposition of the Theodore Parker bust. bust of Theodore Parker by Story devised by the will of Mrs. Parker, and asked for a reference of the subject of proper pedestals for these busts to the Committee on Administration. Ordered.

School doc. # 15, 1881. The Librarian laid before the Trustees School document, No. 15, 1881, containing (among other matters) a certified copy of the report, and order thereon, of the School Committee at a meeting held Supplementary reading June 28, 1881, in regard to the supply of supplementary reading by the Public Library. Whereupon, agreeably to the vote of the Trustees passed May 24, 1881, and the action of the School Committee thereon June 28, 1881, it was Recomendation to City Govt. for $1000 Voted. That the Trustees hereby recommend to the City Government that a special appropriation of $1,000 for the present financial year of the City be granted by the City Council for Supplementary reading, to be disbursed upon the system set forth in the aforesaid vote of May 24.

Voted. That the Clerk transmit to the City Council certified copies of this vote and of the aforesaid vote of May 24, 1881.

Mrs. Chas. C. Smith's suggestions. The suggestions in writing, made by Mrs. Charles C. Smith, a member of the Examining Committee were referred to the Librarian to consider and make report as to their practicability.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Aug. 16, 1881. August 16, 1881, the regular monthly meeting of the Trustees was held at 3.00 P.M. Present Mess. Clarke and Abbott.

Rev. Dr. Clarke, president pro tem. in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was deferred.

Monthly bills. Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Sept. 1, 1881, amounting as per cash book of this date to $7661.75.

The bills having been duly examined were allowed.

Pay-roll. Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5882.57 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £28.1.11. Ordered. That the President pro tem. be authorized to draw on Mess. Baring, Bros, & Co, in favor of N. Trübner & Co, for £28.1.11 for invoices arrived.

Same £100. Ordered. That the President pro tem. be authorized to draw on Mess. Baring, Bros, & Co, in favor of N. Trübner & Co, for an amount not exceeding £100 for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Ordered. That the President pro tem. request

Albery £50.

Messrs. Baring, Bros, & Co, to place with their agent in Florence £50 to the credit of Signorina Albery.

Supplementary reading.

The Librarian called attention to the state of the order for supplementary reading before the City Council, where objection had been made under the 16th joint rule of that body: whereupon it was ordered

Same.

The following communication signed by the President pro tem. accompanied with a statement of the expenditures of the annual appropriation to date, should be forwarded, if found necessary, to the City Council.

The Trustees of the Public Library have for some time past been satisfied that they could render a valuable service to the public by supplying the public schools with supplementary reading on the plan now in successful operation, at private charge, in the Wells and other public schools in the City.

But this plan which required and has now received the sanction and approval of the school committee was not matured in season to incorporate the expense of working it into the estimate for the public library for the present financial year and therefore is now made the subject of request for a special appropriation.

The estimates for the annual appropriation were specific, and will afford no surplus for extra work. The whole sum appropriated was $115.000 and the appended library account will show the expenditures to this date, Aug. 15, 1881.

Annual report.

The Librarian reported that the annual reports had been printed and distributed.

Supplementary reading.

That he had transmitted to the City Council the note of the Trustees in regard

to supplementary reading.

Binders' vacation

That he had received a request from the employés of the bindery, through the foreman, Mr. Blake, asking that they might be allowed some vacation, and that they desired to be heard through their foreman.

South End branch, work progressing.

That the work at the South End branch, in the relocation, renumbering and cataloguing the books, was progressing favorably, and that he had detailed Mr. Whitney, Miss Green, Mr. Swift and Miss Miller for some part of the day, and that he had employed by the hour Miss Clarke, Miss Brown, and Mrs. Otis for the same work.

Works on Semitic religions and mythology.

The Librarian laid before the Trustees a list of books on Semitic religions and mythology, prepared by Edward J. Holmes, Esq., and he was directed to order them, also, a communication from Wm. H. Lee, Clerk of Committees in relation to the expediency of establishing a branch library at Mattapan.

Mattapan, branch not desired.

The Clerk was directed to reply that it would receive the attention of the Trustees when they reassemble for business.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Sept. 20, 1881.

Sept. 20, 1881.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board was held at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Mess. Clarke and Pratt.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Dr. Bowthorpe resigns

The Librarian reported the resignation of Dr. Samuel T. Bowthorpe, of the Roslindale delivery to take effect 1st Oct. 1881. He was authorized

R. M. Otis.

to employ R. M. Otis as the successor of Dr. Bowthorpe, at the rate of $1.60 per week for his services, and at the rate of $50 per annum for so much of his apothecary shop, corner of Poplar St., and Barto Place, as may be required for the delivery station.

Monthly bills.

A schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Oct. 1, 1881, amounting to $8264.31 was presented.

The bills having been duly examined were allowed.

Pay roll.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to $609.28 is hereby specially approved.

Ordered That the President, pro tem. be authorized to draw on Mess. Baring, Bros., Co., in favor of

Trübner £132.9.0

N. Trübner Co., for £132.9.0 for invoices arrived.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw

Same £144.9.9.

on Mess. Baring, Bros., Co., in favor of N. Trübner Co., for an invoice of books to arrive amounting to £144.9.9.

Misses Clark & Brown.

Ordered. That Misses Clarke and Brown be temporarily employed at the South End branch at the rate of 30 cents an hour; Mrs. Otis and

Mrs. Otis & Miss Coburn.

Miss Coburn at the rate of 20 cents an hour.

President Garfield's funeral.

Ordered. That in case there is a suspension of business and closing of public places on the occasion of the President's funeral, the Librarian be authorized to close the Public Library.

The Librarian laid before the Board the name of Francis A. Harkins, as a suitable person to assist Mr. Cummings for the evening service in the Lower Hall at the compensation of 25 cents an hour from 6 to 9 for six evenings per week. Approved.

F. A. Harkins.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Oct. 18, 1881.

Oct. 18, 1881.

The regular monthly meeting, at 3.00 P.M.

No Quorum.

Present Mess. Greenough and Haynes.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

There being no quorum, the board adjourned to Oct. 25.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Oct. 25, 1881, an adjourned meeting of the Board, there being no quorum, adjourned to Nov. 1, 1881.

Oct. 25, 1881.
No Quorum.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Nov. 1, 1881. At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees, there being no quorum present, it was adjourned to Wednesday Nov. 9th at 3. P. M.

Nov. 1, 1881.
No Quorum.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Nov. 9, 1881.

Adjourned meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1881, at 3 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke, Haynes and Pratt.

Mr. Greenough, the President, in the chair.

Meetings of 19 July, 16 Aug. & 20 Sept.

The records of the meetings held 19 July, 16 Aug. and 20 Sept. were read, approved, ratified and confirmed, together with all acts in pursuance thereof as fully as if there had been a quorum at said meetings.

Order from City Gov't. relating to full time, etc. for.

The President read a copy of an order of the City government, approved Oct. 15, 1881, in relation to steady work and full time for laborers, — placed on file.

Rule restricting medical books modified.

Ordered. That the rule restricting the use of medical books to persons professionally studying or practicing the healing art, is hereby so modified, that any Trustee, the Librarian, or any two of the following officers, viz: the Principal Assistant Librarian, the Librarian of Bates Hall, and the Curator of Patents may in their discretion, allow the use and circulation of medical books to all adult persons. Provided, however, a record of the books and names of parties to whom books are so issued, shall be kept.

Record of loans to be kept.

South End branch, heating of.

The Librarian laid before the Board a communication dated Oct. 26, 1881, and addressed by him to Mr. Winship, chairman of the Committee on Accounts of the School Board, respecting some arrangement for heating the South End branch from the furnace of the High School building and added that he had conferred with Mr. Clough, the City Architect, as to the practicability of heating the Library apartments by stoves, at less expense.

Janitor of S. E. branch.

Rev. Dr. Clarke communicated the substance of a conversation held with the janitor of that Branch, respecting an alleged unwillingness on his part to comply with the orders of the Librarian of the Branch. Some conversation ensued as to the necessity of a janitor at that Branch, whereupon, both these matters were referred to the Committee on Branches, with full powers.

So. Boston. hours of service.

A communication was read from Miss Bragdon of the South Boston branch, respecting hours of service and it was ordered

Same.

That during the months from September to June the Librarian and each of her four assistants, in turn may take four hours of one forenoon of each week (Saturdays excepted and when the public service will permit) to be absent from the Library, in place of the two and a quarter hours now due each of said officers, for dinner and supper, on that day. Also that the Librarian of said Branch may be permitted to leave the Library at 8 P.M. on Saturday and at 7 P.M. on other days.

Joseph Baker. communication from.

The communication of Joseph Baker, janitor of the South Boston branch, in relation to scrubbing the Library floor, was referred to the Librarian with full powers.

Calnan's bill for watering st.

A bill of Mr. Calnan for watering the street at the Charlestown branch, was laid before the Board, accompanied by a note from Dr. Cartée, Librarian of that branch, explaining that the alleged services were rendered after a statement to Mr. Calnan, that the Committee on Branches declined to authorize a contract for such services. The Board voted not to approve the bill.

The Librarian laid before the Board two communications from Miss Coffin, librarian of the Dorchester branch — one respecting the pay of Miss Watson, a substitute assistant.

Miss Watson's pay

Ordered. That the pay of Miss Watson, from Oct. 1, 1881, be at the rate of ten cents per hour.

The other communication related to the necessity of additional shelving at that branch. Referred to the Librarian with full powers.

Dor. branch, additional shelving needed.

A communication to the Librarian, by the foreman of the bindery, dated 22 Aug. 1881, respecting vacation of the employes in that branch of the service, with the endorsement of the Librarian thereon, addressed to Mr. Abbott, with his reply, was read.

Bindery employes, petition of.

No action was taken thereon.

A communication from the foreman and employes of the bindery, asking that the morning hour for beginning work, from Nov. 1, to April 1 shall be, without loss of pay, 7.30 instead of 7 as at present. Granted, to take effect Friday Nov. 11.

Another.

The Librarian laid before the Board, the letter of complaint by Mr. Thomas Winnett dated 8 Oct. 1881, referred to the Librarian with full powers.

Thomas Winnett's complaint.

A letter from Mr. Tiffany, of the Lower Hall, to the Librarian, dated Oct. 25, 1881, respecting the illness of Margaret Clifford, was read. No action was taken thereon. Also a letter from the same to the same, dated 19 July 1881, recommending that the names of Mary A. Anderson, Mary C. Sheridan, and Louisa A. Twickler, now employed as extra runners, be placed on the regular force. Ordered.

Maggie Clifford's absence.

Mary Anderson. Minnie Sheridan, & Louisa Twickler plac'd on regular force.

The Librarian stated that Mr. Francis Parkman had informed him that he had seen in the King's Library in the British Museum, certain maps of Boston harbor of the early part of the last century. Ordered, that the Librarian make it the subject of correspondence with Mr. Bullen, of that institution.

Maps of Boston harbor in British Mus.

E. H. House, com. from respecting Chas. Reade.

A letter was read from Edward H. House, Esq., dated Oct. 1, 1881, addressed to the Librarian stating that Mr. Charles Reade had expressed to him a desire that his literary remains should be eventually deposited in some American Institution like the Boston Public Library, and enquiring whether such a trust covering the various conditions in his letter would be accepted by the Trustees of the Library. A copy of the Librarian's reply to the communication was read, and its tenor approved.

Some conversation was had in respect to the change of rule in regard to ** books, and what parties should be authorized to permit their circulation. The subject was laid upon the table.

** books discussed.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk.

Nov. 17, 1881.

Nov. 17, 1881. The Corporation met in the Trustees' room at 3. P.M.

Present: Mess. Greenough, Haynes and Pratt

Mr. Greenough, the President, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of Nov. 9, 1881, were read and approved.

Library assistant.

Professor Haynes asked for further time to consider the subject of the appointment of some person to advise in the selection of books for the Library.

City Govt. communication from, in regard to Mattapan branch.

A communication from the City Government was presented dated August 4, 1881, on the subject of establishing a branch library at Mattapan; the Board was of opinion that the population would not warrant the establishment of a branch at that point but would justify the establishment of a delivery station.

Delivery station recommended.

Monthly bills. $9681.77

Mr. Pratt, from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Dec. 1, 1881, amounting as per cash-book of this date $9681.77.

The bills, having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll, $5932.38

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to $5932.38 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £107.16.6.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw on Mess. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £107.16.6 for invoices arrived.

Invoices to arrive £100

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw on Mess. Baring, Bros. & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

E. G. Allen £22.10.4

Ordered. That the President be authorized to draw on Mess. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of Edward G. Allen for £22.10.4 for one case of English Patent specifications.

J. Curtis special card.

Communications dated Oct. 21, and 25, 1881, from Jeremiah Curtis, of Warren, Vermont

in relation to his special privilege card, were laid before the Board.

J. Curtis special card.

Voted: that his card be returned to him with a notification that any departure from the rule respecting such cards would be followed by a withdrawal of the privilege.

C. Reinwald's letter.

The letter of M. Charles Reinwald was taken up and laid on the table.

Congress, petition to

The subject of the signing of a petition to regulate the distribution of Congressional documents, is to be considered further.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Dec. 6, 1881, special meeting

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room Tuesday, December 6, 1881, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Greenough, Clarke and Haynes. Mr. Greenough, the President, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the regular meeting was deferred.

South End branch, heating of.

Rev. Dr. Clarke reported a recommendation that the Librarian be authorized to arrange with the School Committee for heating the South End branch, and, in behalf of the Trustees, be enter into a contract for that purpose, at a cost not exceeding fifty tons of coal per annum including the necessary services of the engineer.

Kilmurray Wm., services dispensed with

He also recommended that the services of William Kilmurray, janitor of that branch, be dispensed with after the first of January next and that the clerk notify him accordingly. Recommendations adopted.

Tiffany, E. request for increase of salary.

Mr. Tiffany's letter asking for increase of compensation was read and it was

Same. Action thereon

Voted, that the present salary in the judgment of the Trustees is adequate to the present requirements of the office of Librarian of the Lower Hall.

DeBorges, Mrs. G. A. salary increased.

Voted, that the salary of Mrs. Grace A. de Borges be at the rate of $700 per annum from Nov. 1, 1881.

Roffe, Wm., compn increased.

Voted, that the compensation of Wm Roffe in the shelf department be at the rate of $1.75 per diem from Nov. 1, 1881.

Shelf-department, additional assistant to be engaged.

Voted, that the Librarian be authorized to secure the services of a competent man in the same department, for the prompt return of books to their shelves at the rate of compensation not exceeding $25 per month; and

Merrill, Geo. H., services to terminate.

that George H. Merrill's services terminate thereupon.

** books

The subject of ** books was taken from the table, and after some discussion referred to

the Book Committee to report at the next meeting of the Board.

E. H. card catalogue. report of Curator.

The Librarian laid before the Board the semi-annual report of the Curator of the Lower Hall catalogue.

Hunt, E. G.

He also reported that he had employed Mr. Hunt to fill the temporary vacancy caused by the absence of Mr. Bennett, the evening registration clerk.

Rep.t on catalogues &c.

Prof. Haynes presented the semi-annual report upon catalogues and finding lists.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Dec. 20, 1881.

Dec. 20, 1881.

The regular meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke and Haynes.

The President, Mr. Greenough in the chair.

Records of meetings held Nov. 17 and Dec. 6 were read and approved.

Dec. 26, communication from City Gov't. regarding Christmas.

A communication from the Board of Aldermen dated 28 Nov. ordering the observance of Dec. 26 as a holiday, was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Dec. 26, Libry to be closed.

Voted, to close the Library and its branches Dec. 26, 1881.

*** books.

Prof. Haynes, in behalf of the Book Committee asked further time in relation to *** books, granted.

Kilmurray, Wm

On enquiry of Rev. Dr. Clarke, for the Committee on Branches, the Librarian said he had notified Wm. Kilmurray, janitor of the South End branch, of the vote of the Board, also that he had substan-

Mattapan delivery

tially arranged for a delivery station at Mattapan.

Monthly bills.

Mr. Chase, for the Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury January 1, 1882 amounting as per cash book of this date to $5404.72.

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Payroll.

The President reported that upon request of three trustees he signed a special draft upon the City Treasury Dec. 17, 1881 for the amount of the pay-roll $6010.59

Voted. that the action of the President be approved and confirmed.

Trübner £150.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros, & Co, in favor of N. Trübner & Co, for amount of invoice to arrive not to exceed £150.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to draw

on Messrs. Baring, Bros, & Co. in favor of Frederick Muller, of Amsterdam for £7.5.10. for engravings relating to the Revolution — Muller £7.5.10.

The letter of James C. Withington in relation to the circulation of medical books was referred to the Book Committee. — Withington, J. C., letter about medical books.

The letter of Chas. Reinwald was taken from the table read and ordered, after acknowledgment, to be placed on file. — Reinwald's letter.

Books temporarily withdrawn, list to be prepared.

Ordered. That the Librarian prepare a list of books temporarily withdrawn from circulation and submit the same, together with the results of the examinations of the same, to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, together with such other books as have been objected to as improper for circulation

Antiquités, Les, du Bosphore Cimmérien, etc.

The Board expressed an opinion in favor of the purchase of "Les antiquités du Bosphore Cimmérien conservés au Musée impérial de l'Ermitage;" for sale by J. Martinoff, St. Petersburg.

Watchman for Chin.

Voted, that the President write to the Superintendent of Police representing the desirability of placing a night watchman in the Charlestown branch library.

Tosti portraits.

Voted, that of the portraits belonging to the Tosti collection, lately exhibited on the walls of the reading-room and Art-room, such may be removed from their frames and be suitably arranged in portfolios or by binding as the special committee on that subject in their discretion may think best

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Jany. 17, 1882.

January 17, 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke, Haynes and Pratt.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of Dec. 20, 1881, were read and approved.

Regulations, changes in, respecting

Prof. Haynes from the Book Committee presented the following recommendations: that the rule on p. 7 of the regulations should be modified by the insertion of "adult" after "to" and "and those" after "persons" in the second line so as to read "Books of a purely medical character shall be issued only to adult persons, and those professionally studying or practising the healing art". That the rule on p. 9 of the regulations be amended in the section relating to ** books by adding "or, in their absence, of the Librarian". That the vote respecting ** books passed on July 19, 1881, that any Trustee or the Librarian "have authority to allow the loan of ** books" be rescinded. Which were severally adopted and the proposed amendments concurred in.

Medical books and

** books.

On recommendation of Rev. Dr. Clarke,

Littell's Living Age to be transferred from J.P. to L.H.

Voted, that the Committee on Branches be authorized to transfer the bound volumes of Littell's Living Age from the Jamaica Plain branch where they are seldom used, to the Lower Hall, where they are much inquired for.

Insurance of foreign invoices.

Mr. Greenough called attention to the matter of insurance of foreign invoices and the subject was referred to the Committee on Administration, with full powers.

Alleged objectionable books.

Dr. Clarke called attention to the statement recently made public that the Trustees had finally withdrawn from circulation certain books, a list of which had been laid before a committee of the City Council last summer and by them furnished to the Trustees. He said that the statement was incorrect but that the Trustees in accordance with their uniform practice in such cases, on learning

Alleged objectionable books — continued

that the books on the abovementioned list were represented as of questionable character, had ordered them to be called in for examination. That such examination (not yet completed, but now in progress) had satisfied the Trustees that the greater part of the inculpated books so examined were unobjectionable, and had ordered their return to the shelves. He thought some statement to that effect should be made in the next bulletin. Agreed to.

Monthly bills. $9084.61

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Feby. 1, 1882, amounting as per cash book of this date to $9084.61. The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll, $5963.86

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $5963.86 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner

Ordered, that the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., in favor of Messrs. N. Trübner & Co., for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Same

The President reported that he had drawn on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., in favor of Messrs. N. Trübner & Co., for £23. 5. 9 being in excess of the amount authorized at the last meeting of the Board.

Voted, to approve the same.

Towner, Harriet L., appointed custodian at Mattapan.

Ordered, that Mrs. Harriet L. Towner be allowed as custodian of the Mattapan delivery station at the rate of $125 per annum salary and $125 per annum for rent and the transportation of books.

Mullins, Alfred.

Ordered, That Alfred Mullins be allowed at the rate of $3.00 per week for service at the South End branch.

Clarke & Co.

The Librarian called attention to the fact that Messrs. Clarke & Co., were receiving large orders for books, and explained the reason therefor. No action was taken.

He stated that in pursuance of the authority given him, he had contracted with the Committee on Accounts

S. E. heating of.

of the School Committee for heat and engineer services at the South End branch for 50 tons of coal per annum and that he had made requisition for the same.

Alterations in Ordering dept.

He also laid before the Board certain changes desired by Mr. Griffin in the entry department by which his own premises would be enclosed by a glass partition. Referred to the Committee on Administration, with full powers.

South End branch removal &c. &c. of reported by the Librarian.

He further said that he desired to avail himself of the first occasion of a full board since the vacation to say that during the absence of the Trustees, between July and October, on the transfer of the South End library to its new quarters, he had found it necessary for purposes of classification, etc., entirely to rearrange the books — to give them new numbers, and new book-plates, to make a shelf-catalogue, a card catalogue, and a temporary list of books for the public, until a new catalogue should be printed — which would be practicable at the end of two months. That on laying the matter before Mr. Whitney, the head of the catalogue department, the work had been undertaken with zeal and pushed forward to successful completion at the time required. That in order to accomplish this desirable work, once for all, he had detailed from the Central Library, as the exigences of that service would allow, certain employes of that department, who, with Mr. Whitney, their chief, had cheerfully arranged their vacations for this work. By calling in skilled labor, chiefly from the Athenæum, at a gross expense of $345. all the aforesaid work had been accomplished to his entire satisfaction.

S. E. catalogue.

Adjourned

Melle Chamberlain

Clerk.

Special meeting

Feby. 7, 1882.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Haynes Stebbins and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was deferred.

Deuerlich £225

The President reported that he had requested Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., to place to the credit of G. Deuerlich of Göttingen the sum of £225 and also the further sum of about £80. the same being the unexpended balance to the credit of F. Flügel, Leipzig.

same £80.

Voted, to approve the same.

Trubner £116.5.9.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros, & Co., in favor of N. Trübner & Co., for the sum of £116.5.9 for invoice to arrive.

Barings $1500

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to transmit to Messrs. Baring Bros., & Co., to be placed to the credit of the Trustees of the Public Library, sterling to the amount of $1500, and sterling now standing to the credit of the Bowditch fund, amounting to $500.

same, $500 Bowditch money.

Marsh, G. P., library of.

Some informal conversation was had as to the library of George P. Marsh, a letter from whom addressed to W. W. Story, was read by the President.

By unanimous consent of the Board, the Trustees transacted the following business:

Stebbins, S. B., and Whitmore, W. D. elected Trustees.

A communication from the City Clerk was received, notifying the Board of the election of Solomon B. Stebbins of the Board of Aldermen and William D. Whitmore of the Common Council as Trustees of the Public Library for the present municipal year, and until others are elected in their places.

The President made the following appoint-

ments on Committees:

Committee appointments

Administration, Mr. Stebbins.
Branches, " Whitmore.
Finance Messrs. Stebbins and Whitmore.

Estimates for coming year desired by the City Auditor.

A communication from the Auditor of Accounts respecting the estimate for the annual appropriation, was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Feby. 11, 1882.

The Corporation held its regular monthly meeting in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Haynes and Whitmore.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meetings held January 17 and Feby. 7 was deferred.

North End, proposition to establish a branch at.

The Clerk laid before the Board a communication from the City Council requesting the Trustees to consider and report upon the expediency of establishing a branch library and reading-room in some suitable locality in the northern part of the city. Mr. Whitmore called attention to a room in the basement of the Cushman school on Parmenter St., and the members of the Board present were desired to examine the same on Wednesday.

Insurance of foreign invoices, report upon.

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Adm. to whom was referred the question of insurance of foreign invoices reported that the same could be effected at the rate of ½ of one per cent., less 20 per cent. Action was deferred to await the response to letters written by the Librarian to Thos. Irvine & Co., of Liverpool, forwarding agents of Trübner & Co., and to Messrs. Trübner & Co. as to the nature of the insurance now effected by the former; The President of the Board meantime to arrange for a policy from some American company.

Com.tee on Library of City Council, invited to meet the Board.

The Clerk was directed to ask the Committee of the City Council on the Public Library to meet the Board in the Trustees' room Tuesday next at 3.00 o'clock, P.M. to confer on the subject of the annual appropriation for the Library.

Adjourned to Tuesday next at 3.00 P.M.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Feby. 21, 1882.

adjourned meeting.

February 21, 1882.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Com^tee of City Council present.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke, Haynes, Stebbins and Whitmore of the Trustees and Messrs. Anthony, Boynton, Childs, Frizzell and Lee of the Joint Committee on the Library of the City Council.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

Haynes, Prof. H. W., clerk, pro tem.

In the absence of the Librarian, Mr. Haynes was chosen Clerk, pro tem.

The reading of the records of the meetings held January 17, and Feby 7 and 14, respectively, was deferred.

Monthly bills $10,529.44

Mr. Stebbins from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury March 1, 1882 amounting as per cash book of this date to $10,529.44. The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $5,996.04.

Ordered, That the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $5,996.04 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £158.10.0.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., in favor of N. Trübner & Co., for £158.10.0. for invoices arrived.

same. £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., in favor of N. Trübner & Co., for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Brooks, Herbert. Walsh, Wm.

Ordered, that Herbert Brooks and William Walsh be allowed at the rate of $182 each, per annum for runner service, Bates Hall, from Jan. 28 and Feb. 11, respectively.

Walters, Fred. R., runners.

Ordered, that Fred. R. Walters be allowed at the rate of $156 per annum for service at the South End branch from Feb. 1, 1882.

Mr. Whitmore submitted the report of the special committee on the subject of the establishment

of a branch library in the Northern part of the city, which was read, adopted by the Trustees and ordered to be transmitted to the City Council. North End branch, report upon.

Estimates for 1882-'83

The following estimate of appropriations for the coming year, was reported, to be communicated to the City Council:

Books	$17,000.00	
Binding	3,000.00	
Catalogue	4,000.00	
Fuel	3,000.00	
Furniture	2,000.00	
Gas	5,000.00	
Expense	3,000.00	
Printing & Stationery	4,000.00	
Salaries	73,000.00	
Transportation	2,000.00	$116,000.00
Special estimate for the North End branch, viz:		
For fixtures, books, etc.	2,000.00	
Salaries	2,000.00	$120,000.00

Brooks, Herbert.

Ordered, that the Librarian be authorized to employ Herbert R. Brooks at the rate of $182 per annum for runner service, Bates Hall, from January 28, 1882.

Walsh, Wm.

Ordered, that the Librarian be authorized to employ William Walsh at the rate of $182 per annum for runner service, Bates Hall, from Feby. 11, 1882.

Walters, Fred. R.

Ordered, that the Librarian be authorized to employ Fred. R. Walters at the rate of $156 per annum from Feby. 1, 1882, for service at the South End branch.

Adjourned

Henry W. Haynes
Clerk, pro tem.

March 7, 1882.

Special meeting

March 7, 1882.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M., to determine with respect to the Examining Committee for the coming year.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke, Haynes and Whitmore.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

Examining Com^tee

On motion of Rev. Dr. Clarke, the Examining Committee is to consist of nine persons; Rev. Dr. Clarke was appointed chairman.

Clarke, Rev. J. F., appointed chairman.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore it was

Voted, that the following gentlemen with such others as the President may present the names of at the next meeting of the Board, should constitute a committee to examine the several departments of the Library and to report on their completeness and deficiencies:

Ward, Rev. J. H.

Rev. Julius H. Ward.

Without transacting other business the Board adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

March 14, 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in their room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Haynes, Stebbins and Whitmore.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meetings held Jany 17, Feby 7, 14, 21 and Mar. 7, was deferred.

Mr. Whitmore moved that when the Board adjourn it be to 21 st inst. at 3.00 o'clock. Ordered.

Treadwell fund, report upon.

Mr. Greenough laid before the Board a communication from Mr. Noble in respect to the Treadwell fund, read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

High sch. for a Liby.

The President called attention to two orders, 1st, on the order of the City Council as to the High School building for a library.

Fire, protection of Cent. Liby against.

2d, order as to further protection of the Central Library from fire.

On the suggestion of Mr. Whitmore, that it might not be well to take formal action until the matter is consummated in the City Council, the further consideration of these subjects was deferred.

Adjourned, to Tuesday, 21st inst.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

March 21, 1882.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Haynes, Stebbins and Whitmore.

Mr. Greenough, the President, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of January 17, February 7, 14, 21, and March 7 and 14 were read and approved.

N. E. reading-room and delivery, order authorizing establishment.

The president laid before the Board a communication from the City Council being an order authorizing the establishment of a reading-room and delivery station in the basement of the Cushman School on Parmenter St., the expense not to exceed the sum which may be appropriated for such purpose. Read and referred to the Committee on Branch libraries.

Monthly bills

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury April 1, 1882, amounting as per cash book of this date to $13,341.33.

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll.

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $5941.95 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner: £150.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros, in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £150. for invoices arrived and to arrive.

Flügel: M. 77.40

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs Baring Bros, & Co, in favor of Felix Flügel of Leipzig, for the equivalent in sterling of 77 Marks 40 pfg.

Boston Common, view of presented by Col. H. Ritchie

The president read a letter from Col. Harrison Ritchie, dated Paris, March 4, 1880, in which he expressed his intention to present to the Library a fac-simile copy of a view of Boston Common and Beacon St., about the year 1809, the original having been found some forty years ago by his father Mr. Andrew Ritchie in a

curiosity shop in Paris and pronounced by Mr. Franklin Dexter to be the work of an English drawing-master who visited Boston about 1809.

Bible in embossed characters for the blind, presented by S. Gurney.

The president also read two letters respectively dated Feby 10 and 21, from Dr. William Moon, of Brighton, England, to the Librarian announcing that he had sent to Messrs. Trübner & Co. to be forwarded to the Library, the Old and New Testaments, printed in embossed letters for the blind, after Dr. Moon's invention, as a gift from Samuel Gurney, a nephew of Mrs. Frye; and also his intention to forward other works in a similar type, should the Trustees desire them.

The Librarian informed the Board that the Bible had arrived, and that portions of it were upon the table for examination, whereupon it was

Same.

Voted, that the thanks of the Trustees be tendered to Samuel Gurney, Esq, for his munificent donation to the Library of the Scriptures in sixty-five quarto volumes, printed in the embossed type of Dr. William Moon, of Brighton, England; with the assurances of the Trustees that they will endeavor by all means in their power to make these volumes known and available to the unfortunate class for whom they have been prepared.

"Light for the Blind" presented by Dr. W. Moon.

Voted, that the Trustees return thanks to Dr. William Moon for the gift to the Library of a work entitled "Light for the Blind" and also for the expressed intention of making further donations to the Library of similar volumes of scientific and general works. The Trustees also gratefully acknowledge the assistance rendered by Dr. Moon in forwarding Mr. Gurney's gift to the Library.

Voted, that the Librarian be instructed to make known through the public press the gifts of Mr. Gurney and Dr. Moon with the purpose of calling the attention of the blind to the fact that these volumes

are in the Public Library for their use.

Bindery employees' petition for vacation

The president laid before the Board a petition of the employes in the bindery in respect to vacations. Referred to the Committee on Administration.

Insurance of English invoices

A communication from Thomas Irwine & Co., to the Librarian dated 4 March on the subject of insurance of invoices of English books, was read and referred to the Committee on Administration with full powers.

J. Curtin's special card

Mr. Jeremiah Curtin's special card was renewed, on his application, be strictly to comply with the conditions therein expressed.

Theron Brown granted special privileges.

Theron Brown's application for special card was referred to the Librarian with full powers.

Wm. Nichols, do.

Wm. Nichols' application for special card was granted.

Examining Com^tee

On motion of Mr. Whitmore, the vote passed March 7, fixing nine as the number of the Examining Committee was rescinded.

Mr. Whitmore was obliged to withdraw from the session of the Board by reason of important engagements elsewhere.

On motion of Alderman Stebbins,

N. E. reading-room and delivery station

Voted, that the North End reading-room and delivery station be opened as soon as practicable after the appropriation bill is passed.

Examining Com^tee

The president, referring to the motion made by Mr. Whitmore at the meeting of March 7, that the several departments of the Library be examined, said that the examination of all the departments of the Library by experts in one year would be very difficult if not impracticable and suggested that for the present year it might be confined to the following departments Mathematics, Mechanics and the useful arts, Prince Library, French and German Literature, Shakespeariana, Jurisprudence and English History, or such of

them as could be conveniently attended to; and that the Examining Committee should consist of ten persons, five of them experts severally in the above named departments of the Library; and five for the more general duties of the Examining Committee, as heretofore performed. The proposition was accepted by vote.

Examining Com^tee 1882.

Voted, that the following gentlemen be invited to serve on the said committee: as experts,

Mathematics, Prof. Runkle subst. Prof. Osborne.
Prince Library; John Langdon Sibley, Esq.
Mechanics and useful arts, unassigned.
Fr. & Ger. Lit., Thomas S. Perry, Esq.
Shakespeare, Horace H. Furness, Esq.
Jurisprudence, O. W. Holmes, jr, Esq.
English History Prof. Wm. Everett.

Committee at large.

Rev. Leighton Parks, sub. Rev. A. H. Twombly
Col. Homer B. Sprague, " L. H. Buckingham, Esq.
Dr. W. Sturgis Bigelow, " Dr. Francis B. Greenough.
John Noble, Esq., " Gamaliel Bradford, Esq.
J. Montgomery Sears, Esq., " John C. Phillips, Esq.

Ordered, That the Librarian be directed to invite the above named gentlemen to serve on the foregoing committee.

James L. Gethins.

The Librarian reported as follows:

That James L. Gethins, librarian's runner, left the service Feby 11, 1882.

Fred. Blaisdell

That Fred. Blaisdell, runner in the ordering department, left March 4, 1882.

H. R. Brooks.

That under the authority conferred upon him by the Trustees, at their meeting 21st Feby. he had employed the following persons: Herbert R. Brooks, as Bates Hall runner, from Jany 28, 1882; William Walsh, B. H. runner, from Feby 11, 1882; Fred. R. Walters, South End runner, from Feby 1, '82.

Wm. Walsh.

Fred. R. Walters

Miss Woodward

That Marion L. Woodward, custodian of the West Roxbury delivery station, proposed to leave

the service about the first of May, and that Miss Annie Hibberd, who has been her substitute, was an applicant for the position; the Librarian was authorized to advance Miss Hibberd, as custodian upon Miss Woodward's resignation.

Annie Hibbard

Dor. branch closed for repairs

That the Dorchester Branch was closed Monday Feby. 27 for repairs and remained closed until March 6.

"Handbooks" exhausted.

That the supply of handbooks for readers was nearly exhausted. The Librarian was authorized to prepare a new edition.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

April 18, 1882.

April 18, 1882

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Haynes, Stebbins and Whitmore.

Mr. Greenough, the president, in the chair

The record of the meeting of March 21, was read and approved.

Charles Deane LL.D.

Ordered, that Charles Deane, LL.D. be invited to examine and report on the Prince library in place of J. L. Sibley, declined.

English High and Latin School for a library

A communication from the City Council dated April 10, 1882, requesting the Trustees to report upon the fitness of the present English High and Latin School for the purposes of the Public Library was read and laid on the table.

Trust funds a/c.

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Finance reported the present state of the trust funds account, also certain changes in salaries which were approved and the following adopted as the pay-roll for 1882-83: —

Pay roll 1882-83

Chamberlain, M.		$4,000.
Whitney, James L.		2,500.
Knapp, Arthur M.		2,000.
Carret, J. F.		2,000.
Foster, Wm H.		1,700.
Ford, Wm. E.		1,500.
Tiffany, Edward,		1,500.
Griffin, A. P. C.		1,500.
Robinson, Wm. F.		1,000.
Swift, Lindsay,		1,000.
Cummings, Thos. H.		1,000.
Adams, Wm. G.		900.
Nichols, A. A.		900.
Pike, H. N.		900.
Green, H. E.		900.
Fuller, E. D.		900.
Gray, L. F.	extra	{750. 300.
Knowles, Lydia F.		600.
McGrath, M. A.		600.
Porée, C. E.		600.
Reed, E. J.		650.
Jenkins, M. A.		650.
Porée, A. M.		550.
Osgood, M. F.		550.
McCarthy, E. F.		500.
Blake, H. C.		600.
Miller, Annie C.		500.
Burnell H. C.		500.
Godfrey, L. C.		500.
Whyte, Thos		500.
White, John		500.
McCarthy, Tim.°		500.
Roffe, Wm.	$1.75 p.d. =	546.
Mack, E. J.		500.
Mack, S. A.		500.
Dillon Ella R.		500.

Pay-roll 1882.83 continued

Kennedy, A. C.		$ 500.
Bresnahan, E. E.		500.
Blaisdell, Frank C.		450.
Ray, Richard,	extra	450. 50.
Young, W. M. L.		400.
Doyle, Margaret		400.
Ross, Robt. B.		300.
Bennett, J. P.		300.
Moore, E. J.	4.33 p. week =	225.
O'Kane, Chas. H.		208.
Donovan, Daniel		182.
Canny, Wm.		208.
Merrill, Geo. H.		182.
Carroll, Patrick		182.
Smith, Harold,		182.
Walsh, William		182.
Johnson, James,		182.
Brooks, Herbert R.		182.
Anderson, Mary,		156.
Shea, Annie G.		312.
Richards, Florence,		208.
Eastman, Roxanna M.	45¢ p. hour =	380.
Sheridan, Minnie.		156.
Twichler, Louise,		156.
Briggs, Rebecca		156.
McGrath, C. A.		156.
Butler, John.		
Young, Harry,		
Latz, Benj.	Extra runners L. H. 10¢ p. hour aver. aggregate	385.
Day, W.		
Guthrie M. T.		
Levesque, Robt.		500.
Collins, L. J.	25¢ per hour =	242.

Pay-roll 1882-83 continued.

Bindery.

	$
Blake, A. M.	1200.
Cervi, Romeo	1100.
Sanford, P. B.	1040.
Sampson, W. F.	1000.
Roe, Edw. M.	780.
Siguere, Arthur	780.
Mac Connell, Sam.	312.
Wheeler, Martha,	494.
Moriarty, Mary A.	468.
Austen, Mary E.	494.
Bowen, Sarah E.	416.
Dumas, Sarah	364.
Morlon, Mary J.	364.
East Boston	
Godbold, S. C.	700.
Hosea, G. H.	600.
Gray, Mary R.	500.
Wing, A. M.	500.
Cathcart, M. E.	350.
Extra assistants, averaged & aggregated	393.
South Boston.	
Bragdon, Alice J.	700.
Baker, Jos.	600.
Davis, Emma,	500.
Eaton, E. A.	500.
McCarthy Honora,	450.
Sampson, Ida	350.
Extra assistants, av. & aggregated	215.
Roxbury.	
Bunker, Sarah,	700.
Curtis, Chas. R.	700.
Bradley, Mary	500.
Puffer, Dora,	450.
Bell, Helen M.	400.
Blood, Maggie,	208.
Extra assistants, av. & aggregated	400.

Pay-roll 1882.83 continued

Charlestown	
Cartée, C. S.	$1000.
Smith, Thos. E.	300.
Eberle, Annie E.	500.
Swain, M. S.	500.
Willoughby, Alice	156.
Extra assistants, av. & aggregated	560.
Brighton	
Brock, M. E.	500.
Brock, J. M.	500.
Grailey, M. F.	156.
Brock, S. B. extra. 25¢ per hour	96.
Dorchester.	
Coffin, M. G.	600.
Davenport, Edw.	400.
Sheridan, Jennie	500.
Pike, Fanny W.	400.
Watson, L. A. extra, averaged	56.
Hill, M. A., Lower Mills agent,	125.
Towner, H. L., Mattapan "	125.
South End.	
De Borges, Grace A.	700.
Morse, Maude M.	500.
Sheridan, M. A.	450.
Arkinson, Mary	156.
Walters, Fred.	156.
Jamaica Plain.	
Davis, E. R.	600.
Barton, A. J.	500.
Johnson, Timothy	300.
Extra assistants, av. & aggregated.	427.
Otis, R. M. Roslindale delivery	83.33
Hibbard, Annie, West Rox "	100.
Davis, James M. " "	25.

Mr. Abbott also reported from the same committee a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury

May 1, 1882 amounting as per cash book of this date to $9099.81 — Monthly bills.

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered, that the pay roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6054.90 is hereby specially approved. — Pay-roll.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to make a special draft on the City Treasury in favor of Miss Mary E. Plumer of Epping N.H. for an amount not exceeding $300 for books purchased. — Mary E. Plumer $300.

Ordered, That the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros, & Co, in favor of N. Trübner & Co, for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board. — Trübner £100

Ordered, that Miss Annie Hibbard be allowed as custodian at the West Roxbury delivery station in place of Miss Woodward at $100 per annum from Apr 18, 1882 — Annie Hibbard.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, Miss Nichols was allowed special leave of absence for four days from Apr. 26 to 29 both inclusive. — Miss Nichols, special leave allowed.

The president read Mr. Chas. A. Cummings' application to take Falzenberg's "Constantinople" from the Library, which was granted. — Chas. A. Cummings granted permission to take ** book.

Also a letter from C. F. Dennet, Esq, transmitting a copy of selections from Longfellow's poems in embossed type for the blind. — Longfellow's poems for the blind.

On motion of Alderman Stebbins the communication from the City Council was taken from the table and it was — Eng. High & Latin School for a Pub. Lib. order from City Govt. taken from table.

Voted, that when the Board adjourns it be to the Branch Library at the South End two weeks from to-day at 3.15 P.M. to further consider the said communication and that the city archi-

be invited to be present.)

Maggie Clifford

The Librarian reported that Maggie Clifford had left the Lower Hall service, Apr. 8, 1882.

Miss Woodward

That Miss Marion L. Woodward resigned the custodianship of the West Roxbury delivery station April 15, and was succeeded by Miss Annie Hibbard Apr. 18.

Subscription of $64. from W. Rox.

That certain persons at West Roxbury had given $64 for the purchase of books for that station, and that he had placed the money in the hands of the Library Auditor.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

April 28, 1882. Special meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 1882.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke, Haynes and Whitmore.

Mr. Greenough, the president, in the chair.

The reading of the record of the last meeting was deferred.

Library funds, income to be collected from City Treasurer.

The president stated that agreeably to the call, the Board had assembled to take measures to collect from the City Treasurer the interest due on the funds belonging to the Library, whereupon it was

Voted, that the president be authorized and directed to receive from the City Treasurer the interest accrued on the trust-funds of the Library and put the same to the credit of the Library account.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Monday May 1, 1882. May 1, 1882. Annual meeting

The annual meeting was held, for organization, in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke and Haynes.

James F. Clarke, elected trustee.

A communication from the City Clerk dated April 20, 1882, was read certifying that James Freeman Clarke had been elected a Trustee of the Public Library for five years from the first Monday in May 1882.

W. W. Greenough chosen president.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk and on a ballot, W. W. Greenough, Esq, was chosen President of the Board.

Clerk chosen.

Mellen Chamberlain was chosen clerk and was duly sworn according to law as appears by the following certificate

Suffolk ss. May 1, 1882.

Then personally appeared the above named Mellen Chamberlain and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of Clerk of the Corporation.

Before me

Wm W. Greenough, Justice of the Peace.

By-laws.

Ordered, That the By-laws of last year continue in force until others are adopted in their stead.

Librarian chosen.

Mellen Chamberlain was chosen Librarian.

Standing Com^tees

The president appointed the following standing committees:

Administration: Messrs. Chase, Haynes, Stebbins.
Books: " Haynes, Clarke, Chase.
Branches: " Clarke, Abbott, Whitmore.
Finance: " Abbott, Stebbins, Whitmore.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

May 2, 1882

Adjourned meeting

May 2, 1882.

An adjourned meeting of the Trustees was held at the South End branch library at 3.15 P.M.

City Architect present.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Haynes, and Whitmore and by invitation of the Board Geo. A. Clough, Esq., City architect.

Henry Van Brunt's opinion to be obtained regarding the Eng. & Lat. School

Ordered, that the President be authorized to obtain from Mr. Henry Van Brunt a statement of what arrangement could be made of the whole or a part of the English High and Latin school building for the purposes of the Public Library

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk.

May 16, 1882.

May 16, 1882

The Corporation held its regular monthly meeting in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Haynes and Stebbins.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of April 18, 28, and May 1 and 2 were read and approved.

Monthly bills. $8742.49

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury June 1, 1882, amounting as per cash book of this date to $8742.49.

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Monthly pay roll $6014.45

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6014.45 is hereby specially approved.

Income from trust funds, transfer of

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to transmit to Messrs. Baring, Bros, & Co. the annual interest upon the trust funds belonging to the Library and amounting to the sum of $6,940.00 the same to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

Trubner £113.11.10

Ordered, that the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co, in favor of N. Trübner for the sum of £113.11.10 for books arrived.

Same £100

Ordered, that the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros, & Co. in favor of N. Trübner for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to request Messrs. Baring, Bros, & Co, to

Clarke, James F. authorized to make drafts, sum not to exceed £30.

honor drafts signed by James Freeman Clarke, and not exceeding in the aggregate £ 30.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to make a special draft on the City Treasurer in favor of J. E. Dove, of Richmond, Va., for $150. in payment for Confederate newspapers.

Dove, J. E. $150 for Confederate newspapers.

Communications dated respectively May 5 and May 8, from Miss Coffin, librarian of the Dorchester branch, and Miss Blood, assistant at Roxbury, requesting increase of salary were referred to the Finance Com^tee

Coffin and Blood, Misses, request for increased salary

Also a verbal statement of the President as to an increase in the salary of Mr. Wm. H. Foster, was referred to the same Committee.

Foster, W. H., same.

On motion of Mr. Chase

Voted, that the President transmit the thanks of the Board of Trustees to Col. Harrison Ritchie for his interesting gift of a facsimile of a water color drawing of Boston Common and Beacon St, about the year 1809.

Ritchie Col. H., thanks to be transmitted to, for gift.

The request of Theodore P. Cabot, a non-resident, to draw books from the Library was referred to the Librarian, with full powers.

Cabot, T. P. request referred to Libn.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

June 13, 1882.

June 13, 1882

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M. to consider the report of Mr. Henry Van Brunt.

Special meeting

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Haynes, Stebbins and Whitmore.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was deferred.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to request Messrs. Baring, Bros, & Co. to place with their agent in Göttingen, £200. to the credit of G. Deuerlich.

Deuerlich - £200

Ordered, that a Committee of two with full powers be appointed to confer with the sub-committee on public buildings of the City Council, to have such changes made in the rooms in the Hancock School house as will fit it for the uses of the North End branch; and that the President and the Librarian constitute that committee.

Hancock school for N. E. branch

The President then read a communication from Mr. Henry Van Brunt on the subject referred to him, at the meeting of May 2, 1882.

Van Brunt's report

On motion of Mr. Abbott,

Voted, that the President be directed to report to the City Council, in response to their order dated Apr. 10, 1882, that in the opinion of the Trustees, the English High and Latin School building, neither in part nor as a whole is fit for the uses of the Public Library – together with the reasons of the Board for this opinion.

Eng. High and Latin Sch. not suited to Library uses.

Mr. Whitmore gave notice of his dissent from the above vote, and

Whitmore, W. H. dissents

of his intention to present a minority report.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

June 20, 1882.

June 20, 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Haynes and Whitmore.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of May 16 and June 13 were read and approved.

The following communications from the City Government were read and ordered to be placed on file: –

City Govt. communications from

May 16, 1882 ordinance relating to the assignment of wages by city employes.

June 13, 1882 order closing all departments of the City Government, except the office of the City Clerk on June 17, 1882.

Hancock School granted in part for N. E. branch.

An order dated May 23, 1882, from the School Committee granting permission to the Trustees of the Public Library to take certain rooms in the Hancock School building for the North End delivery station and reading-room was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Bindery employes - vacation allowed.

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Administration reported on the petition of the employés of the bindery, that they be allowed one week's leave of absence for the present year, without loss of pay. Recommendation adopted and it was so ordered.

Copley picture loaned

Mr. Chase from the same committee reported the cleaning and rehanging of the Copley picture in the Art room

Mr. Greenough stated that on the 17th June, usually a half-holiday, the Library was closed for the whole day in accordance with the suggestion of the City council.

17th June, library closed

Ordered, that the Lower hall and reading-room close one hour earlier than usual beginning Monday July 3d, until Sept. 1.

L. H. and reading-room to be closed earlier than usual

On motion of Prof. Haynes the president was requested to confer with Mr James Little in regard to some practicable plan for increasing the light on the East side of the building

Light on east side of building

Ordered, that the branch librarians may arrange the hours of service for the months of June, July and August of the present year that the female employes may have in turn one forenoon a week, provided, however, that this privilege cannot be allowed when the service requires full attendance.

Branch employes granted a forenoon per week.

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City treasury July 1, 1882 amounting as per cash book of this date to $9613.89.

Monthly bills. 9613.89

The bills, having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $5983.76 is hereby specially approved.

Monthly pay-roll 5983.76

Ordered, that John S. Morrison be allowed on probation, to return books to the shelves in Bates' Hall at $1.00 per day from May 24, 1882.

Morrison, John S.

Ordered that Wm. Brydon be allowed at the rate of $156. per annum from May 24, 1882 for service at the South End branch.

Brydon, W.

The president reported that he had drawn on Messrs. Baring, Bros., & Co., in favor of N. Trübner & Co., for £16. 10. 7 in excess of the amount au-

Trübner £16. 10. 7

thorized at the last meeting, viz: £100.

Voted, to approve the same.

Trübner. £100

Ordered, That the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros., & Co., in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100 for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Alberj - £50.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to request Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., to place with their agent in Florence, £50 to the credit of Signorina Giulia Alberj.

McCarthy, Miss Fanny resigns

The Librarian reported the resignation of Miss Fanny E. McCarthy, to take effect July 15.

McCarthy, Honora resigns

He also reported that Nora McCarthy, clerk in the South Boston branch would resign her position to take effect July 17 (resignation subsequently received,) and

Sampson, Ida, promotion recommended.

recommended that Miss Ida Sampson be promoted to the vacancy thus to be caused; and that Miss

Watson, Mary, same

Mary Watson, a substitute, take the place of Miss Sampson. Recommendation was referred to the Committee on Branches, which reported it back. Adopted.

Bresnahan, Nellie resigns

He also reported the resignation of Nellie Bresnahan in the Lower Hall service June 1, 1882 and that her place had been filled temporarily after

Twickler, Louise, promoted

informal conference with the Committee on Branches, by Louise Twickler, whose salary be asked to have raised to $208. Miss Twickler was appointed on probation at the above salary.

Levesque, R. granted leave of absence.

He laid before the board the request of R. Levesque for leave of absence on account of the illness of his mother in France. Granted leave of absence of four weeks, the same to be without pay.

Walters, Fred. resigns

He further reported that Frederick Walters, janitor at the South End branch left the service

Brydon, Wm.

May 24, and that Wm. Brydon was filling his place temporarily. Appointed janitor on probation, at $156 per annum from May 24, 1882.

Washington Village delivery st. asked for.

He laid before the Board a letter from Miss Sarah E. Manning of Washington Village, asking for the establishment of a delivery station at that point. Referred to the Committee on Branches.

Hunt, S. resigns.

He reported that Mr. Hunt, substitute evening registration clerk, left the service Apr. 28, and that

Tisdale,

Mr. Tisdale was temporarily filling his place. Referred to the Committee on Branches.

Merrill, Geo. H.

Also that Geo. H. Merrill, in the shelf department, left the service May 31, 1882, and John Morrison had been appointed in his place on trial at

Morrison, John

$1.00 per day from May 24, under authority of the Trustees, by vote of Dec. 6, 1881.

Mead, Chas. gives $100 for books for S. B.

He laid before the Board a letter of Charles Mead, Esq., of South Boston dated May 4, 1882 addressed to the Librarian, enclosing a blank check, to be filled for a sum not exceeding $100. to purchase reference books and periodicals for that branch. Accepted, and the Librarian to return thanks of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

Public Statutes, chap. 105 § 5, City Solicitor's opinion asked upon.

Ordered, that the president of the Board request the opinion of the City Solicitor on the question whether chap. 105 § 5, of the Public Statutes, authorizing corporations to determine the number of members that shall constitute a quorum, applies to the Corporation of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston — no other provision having been specially made.

By-laws, 17th article an alteration proposed

Mr. Whitmore gave notice of his intention to prepare an alteration of the 17th article of the By-Laws, to the effect that employees of the Library may be absent from service during holidays established by law, vacations, and when the library is closed by order of the Trustees, without loss of pay. Laid over under the rule.

Old State House exhibition certain objects loaned for

Ordered, that the Committee on Administration be authorized to loan to the City of Boston for the exhibition in the Old State House, such pictures, paintings and engravings as in their judgment can properly be allowed to leave the Library.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

July 18, 1882

July 18, 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Stebbins and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved

Lower Mills delivery increased accommodations desired

A communication from the City Council, dated June 26, 1882, instructing the Trustees to examine and report on the propriety of increasing the accommodations of the Lower Mills delivery station. Referred to the Committee on Branches.

N. E. r. r. to be prepared for public use.

Ordered, that the Committee on Administration be authorized to furnish the North End delivery station and reading-room and suitably prepare it for public use.

N. E. library books to be purchased, except Fic.

Ordered, that the Committee on Books be authorized to purchase books and periodicals for the North End delivery station and reading-room, excluding fiction, poetry and with not more than ten per cent. of travels. Voted, to transfer 156 volumes of duplicates from the Jamaica Plain branch to said station.

Monthly bills $8767.32

Alderman Stebbins from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City treasury Aug. 1, 1882 amounting as per cash book of this date to $8767.32. The bills having been duly examined

were approved by the Board.

Monthly pay roll 5929.92

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $5929.92 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £106.14.0

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros & Co., for £106.14.0. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for invoices arrived.

Same, £100

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the board.

Martinoff $315

Antiquités du Bosphore &c.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of Jean Martinoff of St. Petersburg for $315. in payment of Les antiquités du Bosphore Cimmérien

Twickler, Louise $208.

Ordered, that the salary of Louise Twickler be at the rate of $208. per annum from June 1, 1882.

Sampson, Ida. $450.

Ordered, that the salary of Ida Sampson of the South Boston branch be at the rate of $450. per annum from July 17, 1882.

Watson, Mary $350.

Ordered, that the salary of Mary Watson of the South Boston branch be at the rate of $350. from July 17, 1882.

Roslund, Mary

Ordered, that Mary Roslund be allowed at the rate of $156. per annum from July 3, 1882 for runner service, Lower hall.

Lockwood, Brooks, and agency of American books.

Ordered, that the Librarian be authorized to contract with Messrs. Lockwood and Brooks for the purchase of American books on the same terms as Lee and Shepard now furnish them.

Chester, Col. collection of.

Ordered, that the chairman of the Book Committee and Mr. Whitmore be a committee of two to consider and report upon the cost of the collection of the late Dr. Joseph Lemuel Chester, of London.

De Borges, Mrs. asks for extra vacation

The Librarian laid before the Board a letter from Mrs. De Borges, Librarian of the South End branch asking for two weeks additional vacation

Referred to Committee on Branches.

Anderson, Mary, same.

Also, a letter from Miss Jenkins, assistant librarian of the Lower Hall, in relation to additional vacation of Mary Anderson. Referred to Committee on Branches.

Gilman, Emma C. special card refused.

The request of Mrs. Emma C. Gilman for a special card was refused, she not coming within the rule allowing such cards.

Annual report.

The president laid before the Board the draft of the annual report. Laid on the table.

Adjourned to Tuesday, July 25th at 3.00 P.M.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

July 25, 1882
Adjourned meeting.

July 25, 1882.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Chase, Greenough and Stebbins.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meeting of July 18 was deferred.

American books, agency for.

Mr. Chase moved a reconsideration of the vote of July 18 and that the Librarian on consultation with the President of the Board, be authorized to purchase American books where he can make the best terms.

Hutchins, Miss A. E. applies for situation.

The application of Miss Hutchins for a position in the Library was referred to the Book Committee.

Annual report adopted.

The president laid before the Board his draft of the annual report, which was discussed, amended and agreed to and on motion of Mr. Abbott, the report as amended was adopted as the report of the Board. Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain Clerk

Aug. 15, 1882.

Aug. 15, 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough and Stebbins.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meetings of July 18 and 25 was deferred.

Monthly bills $7738.73

Alderman Stebbins from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Sept. 1, 1882 amounting as per cash book of this date to $7738.73

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Monthly pay-roll $5789.22

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $5789.22 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £95.6.10

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co, for £95.6.10. for invoices arrived, in excess of the amount authorized by vote of July 18.

same - £100

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co, for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Deuerlich £150

Ordered, that the president be authorized to request Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. to place with their agent in Göttingen £150. to the credit of G. Deuerlich.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Sept. 19, 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough and Abbott.

Mr. Greenough, the president, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meetings of July 18, July 25 and Aug. 15 was deferred.

English High & Latin Sch. Trustees' report on to be made in print.

The president laid before the Board two communications from the City government, one dated July 17, 1882, and ordering that the report upon a new library building, already requested of the Trustees by vote of the City Council, be made in print, which was read and ordered to be placed on file; the other, dated Aug 28, 1882, requesting the Trustees to consider the expediency of opening a branch reading-room and delivery station at Neponset, was referred to the Committee on Branches.

Neponset. establishment of a reading room at to be considered.

Monthly bills $8941.01

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City treasury Oct. 1, 1882 amounting as per cash book of this date to $8941.01

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Monthly pay-roll $5930.53

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $5930.53 is hereby specially approved

Trübner £195.6.10

Denerlich £150.

The president reported that by virtue of authority conferred by the Board Aug 15, 1882 he had drawn on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £195.6.10. and in favor of G. Denerlich of Göttingen for £150.

Voted, that the action of the president is hereby confirmed and approved.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £105.2.11½ for invoices arrived.

Trübner £105.2.11½

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100 for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

same £100

Ordered, that Wm. Federben be allowed as runner in the entry department from Sept. 20, at the rate of $156 per annum.

Federben, Wm.

Ordered, that Ernest Nutter be allowed for service at the South End branch from Sept. 1, 1882 at the rate of $156 per annum.

Nutter, Ernest.

Ordered, that H. H. Burnham and J. H. Reardon be allowed as L. H. runners at 10 cents per hour each from Sept. 14 and Sept. 15 respectively

Burnham, H. H.
Reardon, J. H.

Mr. Greenough, in behalf of the special committee of the manuscripts of the late Col. Chester reported that on correspondence with the executor of the estate it appeared that the price placed on the documents in question was £3000. and that the Committee do not recommend any further proceedings in the matter.

Chester Col. manuscripts of, Committee report upon.

He also stated that the library of the late Geo. P. Marsh is for sale and that a catalogue of the same will be sent to the Library for examination.

Marsh, Geo. P. library of for sale.

The librarian reported that Wm. Brydon, South End runner, left the service 31st Aug. ust and that on Sept. 1, Ernest Nutter was employed in his stead, subject to the approval of the Trustees.

Brydon, Wm. resigns
Nutter. Ernest.

That Benj. F. Latz and Martin T. Guthrie, employed as evening runners in the Lower Hall were suspended 9 Sept. and that H. H. Burnham and J. H. Reardon were employed in their places, respectively 14 and 15 Sept., subject to the approval of

Latz, B., and Guthrie M. T. discharged and succeeded by Burnham and Reardon.

the Trustees.

Mary Anderson.

That Mary Anderson is still absent on account of ill health.

Maggie Clifford's place to be filled.

That the place of Maggie Clifford is still vacant, and be recommended that it should be filled at once.

Moore, Edw. discharged & recommended.

He also recommended that Edward Moore of the Lower Hall service be discharged, and that one of the Lower Hall girls be substituded for him in his work. Changes approved and recommendations adopted

Adjourned

Nellie Chamberlain
Clerk.

Oct. 17, 1882.

Oct. 17, 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of July 18, July 25, Aug. 15, and Sept. 19 were read and approved, and the acts thereof severally confirmed.

De Borges, Mrs. and Anderson, Mary, granted extra vacation.

Rev. Dr. Clarke from the Com^tee on Branches reported on the requests of Mrs. De Borges and Mary Anderson for extension of vacation, that the several requests be granted. Report approved and adopted.

Monthly bills, $9869.08

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Nov. 1, 1882 amounting as per cash book of this date to $9869.08.

The bills having been duly examined by the Board, were allowed.

Monthly pay-roll $6018.27

Ordered, that the pay roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6018.27 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £o. 3. 9½

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £o. 3. 9½ in addition to the amount authorized at the last meeting of the Board, for invoices arrived.

Same £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100 for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Davis, Mrs. appointed custodian of N. E.

Ordered, that Mrs. E. R. Davis be allowed as custodian at the North End branch delivery and reading-room at $700. per annum from Oct. 2, 1882.

Mooney, Mary.

Ordered, that Miss Mary Mooney be allowed as assistant at the North End delivery and reading-room at $300. per annum from Oct. 2, 1882.

Fleming, J. P.

Ordered, that J. P. Fleming be allowed at the rate of $300. per annum from Oct. 2, 1882, for services as janitor at the North End delivery.

Twickler, Julia.

Ordered, that Julia Twickler be allowed as Lower Hall runner from Sept. 22, 1882 at the rate of $156 per annum.

Butler, John.

Ordered that John Butler be allowed at the rate of $4.33 per week from Sept. 25, 1882 for service in the Lower hall.

Hutchins, Annie E.

Ordered, that Miss Annie E. Hutchins be allowed from Oct. 2, 1882 at the rate of $600. per annum for service in the catalogue department.

Harding, Annie M. petition for her appt. to some position at N. E.

Mr. Greenough laid before the Board the petition of Wm Woolley and others, citizens of East Boston, for the appointment of Annie M. Harding to a position in the North End delivery. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Bennett, J. P. resigns.

The resignation, dated Oct. 1, 1882, of J. P. Bennett evening registration clerk and Sunday reading room attendant was read and referred

to the Committee on Branches.

Sprague, Homer B. petitions for a branch in the Girls' High Sch.

A communication from Homer B. Sprague, head master of the Girls' High School was read suggesting the propriety of establishing a branch library in that school for the exclusive use of the teachers and pupils, together with a partial list of books desired for that purpose. Referred to the Committee on Branches.

N. E. Librarian's report upon.

The Librarian reported that the North End branch delivery and reading-room was opened Oct. 2, 1882 with Mrs. E. R. Davis formerly librarian of the Jamaica Plain branch, in charge.

Same.

Since then 209 new books and periodicals have been added, over 150 persons have registered to become card-holders and large numbers of books in the Central library have been applied for daily.

N. E. deficiency of light air.

He desired to call the attention of the Board to the insufficiency of light at the North End branch and recommended the placing of a lantern there as soon as possible. Referred to the Committee on Branches.

Mooney, Mary.

That in accordance with the vote of the Committee on Branches, passed Sept. 16, 1882, Miss Mooney had been engaged as Mrs. Davis's assistant from Oct. 2 at a salary temporarily at the rate of $300. per annum.

Fleming, J. P.

That under authority of the same committee, conferred the same day, he had engaged J. P. Fleming, janitor of the Hancock School, to perform the duties of janitor in connection with the North End branch from Oct. 2 at $300. per annum; appointments confirmed. He further reported that upon request to the proper authorities said Fleming had been appointed a special police officer.

Same, apt'd special police officer.

South End catalogue

He stated that the catalogue of the South End branch, the printing of which was authorized by the Book Committee by vote of Oct. 16,

was in the hands of the printer.

Hutchins, Annie E.

That Miss Annie E. Hutchins, whose appointment was recommended by the Book Committee, Oct. 16, entered the service Oct. 2 at a salary at the rate of $600 per annum. Appointment confirmed.

Twichler, Julia C.

That on Sept. 22 he engaged Julia C. Twichler at $156 per annum, temporarily in the place of Mary Anderson, who is still absent by reason of sickness. Referred to the Committee on Branches.

Anderson, Mary

Moore, Edwd.

That Edward Moore, of the Lower Hall, had left the service 23d Sept. and that John Butler had been engaged in his place at $4.33 per week from Sept. 25, 1882. Referred to the Committee on Branches.

Butler, John.

Bennett, J. P.

He reported the resignation Oct. 1, 1882 of J. P. Bennett, evening registration clerk and Sunday reading-room attendant, and he recommended the appointment of Frank C. Blaisdell to the vacancy thus created. Referred to the Committee on Branches.

Blaisdell, F. C.

Donations from Ludwig Salvator, Wm. Moon and Chas. F. Shimmin.

He reported the gifts to the Library by His Imperial Highness, the Archduke Ludwig Salvator, of Austria, of nine volumes written and illustrated by the giver; by Dr. William Moon, of Brighton, England, of 351 volumes and 200 printed sheets of books in type for the blind; and by Charles F. Shimmin, Esq of this city of 158 volumes of publications of the Chaucer Society, the Early English Text Society and the New Shakespere Society.

Thanks for same

Ordered, that the thanks of the Trustees be communicated by the President to the above named donors severally.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Nov. 14, 1882.

Nov. 14, 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P. M.

Present Messrs. Greenough, Clarke, Haynes and Stebbins

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Eng. High and Latin Sch. building, com. from City Gov't requesting a report.

The president laid before the Board the order of the City Government dated Oct. 9, 1882, requesting the Trustees to report "at their earliest convenience as to the fitness of the present English High and Latin School building for the purposes of the Public Library." The Trustees having sent in their report, ordered that the communication be placed on file.

The Rev. Dr. Clarke, for the Committee on Branches reported the following orders

Blaisdell, F. C.

Ordered, that Frank C. Blaisdell be appointed evening registration clerk and custodian of the reading-room on Sundays from Nov. 15 at a salary of $300. per annum in place of J. P. Bennett, resigned

Twichler, Julia C.

Ordered, that Julia C. Twichler be appointed temporarily to fill the place of Mary Anderson, absent on account of sickness at the rate of $156 per annum from Sept. 22, 1882.

Butler, John.

Ordered, that John Butler be appointed assistant in the Lower Hall, from 25th Sept. 1882 at the rate of $4.33 per week, in place of Edward Moore who left the service 23d Sept.

Barton, M. S.

Ordered that Margaret S. Barton be employed as an occasional assistant in the Jamaica Plain branch at the rate of 25 cents an hour from Oct. 21, 1882.

Sprague, H. B. withdraws his petition

Also from the same Committee, on the petition of Col. Homer B. Sprague for the establishment of a branch library in the Girls' High School building, that Col. Sprague appeared and after a conference with the Committee, withdrew his petition.

Monthly bills, $10028.99

Alderman Stebbins, from the Committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Dec. 1, 1882, amounting as per cash book of this date to $10028.99

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board

Pay-roll $6056.76

Ordered, that the pay roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6056.76 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £100

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £100. for invoices to arrive.

Albery £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to request Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. to place with their agent in Florence £100. to the credit of Signorina Giulia Albery.

Merrill,

Ordered, that Mr. Merrill be allowed to draw compensation at the rate of $300. per annum for the time he has served as substitute in the vacancy caused by Mr. Bennett's resignation.

Van Brunt's bill $1000.

The president laid before the Board a communication from Henry Van Brunt enclosing bill for $1000. for "professional opinion respecting conversion of Public High and Latin school into a public library and advice respecting best use of land on Dartmouth St. for Public Library."

On motion of Alderman Stebbins,

same, approved.

Ordered, that the bill be approved, and that the president be authorized to make a special draft on the City Treasury in payment of the same

Calnan's bill $20.

He also laid before the Board the bill of P. J. Calnan for watering the square in front of the Charlestown branch library for the year 1882.

Approved and ordered to be paid.

Contract for watering street at Chin. for 1883.

Ordered, that the Librarian be authorized to contract for similar service for the ensuing year at a cost not exceeding $20.

Godbold, S.C. letter respecting cleaning of E.B. branch.

The president laid before the Board a communication from Miss. Godbold in respect to the cleaning of the floors stairs and passageway of the East Boston branch. Referred to the Librarian with full powers, after conferring with the School department

Barton, A.J. asks for additional assistance at J.P.

A communication from Miss. A. J. Barton in charge of the Jamaica Plain branch in relation to the employment of additional assistance was referred to the Committee on Branches.

Godfrey Miss L.B. salary $600.

Ordered, that the salary of Miss Godfrey be at the rate of $600 from July 1, 1882.

Hibbard, Annie wants catalogue for W. Rox.

The communication from Miss Hibbard in relation to the construction of a catalogue for the West Roxbury branch library was referred to the Librarian to consider and report.

Eberle, Miss asks for allowance for absence.

The communication from Dr. Cartee in relation to allowance to Miss Eberle for absence in excess of vacation on account of sickness was referred to the Committee on branches.

South End, additional assistance asked.

The communication of Mrs. De Borges in relation to the need of additional assistance in consequence of the increased circulation at the South End branch was referred to the Committee on Branches.

N. E. to close earlier.

Alderman Stebbins moved to amend the vote of the Trustees fixing the hour of closing the North End delivery station at 10. P. M. Laid upon the table.

Motion to rescind vote excluding fiction &c. from the N. E.

Dr. Clarke moved to rescind the vote of the Trustees of July 18, 1882, whereby fiction, poetry and more than 10 % of travels were excluded from the North End branch delivery. Laid upon the table.

By-Laws proposed amendment in Art. I. § 8.

Prof. Haynes gave notice of his intention to recommend the amendment of Art. I. Sect. 8 of the By Laws

so that paragraph 8 — "Report of the Librarian" follow immediately paragraph 4, "Unfinished business."

Neponset delivery

The Librarian reported that he had given attention to the order of the Board in respect to the suitability and probable expense of the accommodations available at Neponset for a delivery, but asked for further time, which was granted.

North End, lantern fixed.

Also, that a suitable lantern had been placed at the entrance to the North End branch, and that a proper sign would be soon prepared.

N. E., police supervision assured.

Also, that the Police Commrs. had given him assurances that the police officers would be instructed to give special attention to the preservation of order at that point.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Dec. 19, 1882.

Dec. 19, 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Clarke, Haynes and Stebbins.

Rev. Dr. Clarke, elected chairman.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Greenough, Rev. Dr. Clarke was elected chairman.

The records of the meeting of Nov. 14, 1882 were read and approved.

Treadwell estate, copy of petition for leave to sell personal property of

A communication from John Noble, Esq., enclosing copy of a petition to the Judge of Probate for leave to sell personal property belonging to the estate of the late Daniel Treadwell, was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Monthly bills $12,228.43

Alderman Stebbins from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury January 1, 1883 amounting as per cash book of this date to $12,228.43. The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6148.46

Ordered, that the pay roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6148.46 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £15.13.10

The president reported that he had drawn on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £15.13.10 in excess of the amount authorized at the last meeting for invoices arrived.

Ordered, that the action of the president be approved.

Trübner, £100

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Allen, E. G. £30.17.4.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of Edwd. G. Allen for £30.17.4 for binding publications of the British patent commissioners.

Wilson, John S.

Ordered, that John S. Wilson be allowed as Bates Hall runner from Dec. 7, 1882 at the rate of $182. per annum.

The motion of Alderman Stebbins respecting the hour of closing the North End branch was taken from the table.

N. End to close at 9 P.M.

Voted, that said branch be closed at 9.00 P.M., and on Saturday, be opened at 2.00 P.M.

N. E., vote excluding fiction etc. rescinded.

Rev. Dr. Clarke's motion to rescind the vote of July 18, 1882, whereby fiction, poetry and more than ten per cent. of travel were excluded from the North End branch was taken from the table, and it was

Voted, to rescind the same.

By-laws amended.

Prof. Haynes's motion to amend the By-laws in Art. 1. Sect. 8. so that paragraph 8 "Report of the Librarian" follow immediately paragraph 4 "Unfinished business" was taken from the table and the amendment was ordered.

Neponset, librarian's report on.

The Librarian reported that in compliance with the instructions of the Committee on Branches dated Oct. 23. he found that a delivery station could be opened at Neponset and maintained at an expense of about $250. per annum.

same, opening of ordered

Ordered, that the Librarian be directed to arrange for opening such a delivery station at an expense in accordance with his report.

L. H. lib'n. authorized to transfer certain books from to B. H.

On motion of Prof. Haynes, the Librarian is hereby authorized to remove from the Lower Hall to Bates Hall all such books as in his judgment should be so transferred.

Atkinson, Mary salary 200.

Ordered, that the Librarian be authorized to arrange for an increase of the salary of Mary Atkinson of the South End branch to a sum not exceeding $200. and report to the Board. Also, that he be authorized to employ an extra runner for said branch for Friday and Saturday evenings, at an expense not exceeding 25 cents per hour.

S. E. extra assistance authorized.

Adjourned

Melvin Th Gruberlum
Clerk.

January 10, 1883

January 10, 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Chase, Clarke & Haynes.

In the absence of the president, Mr. Greenough, Rev. Dr. Clarke was chosen president pro tem. and took the chair.

Rev. Dr. Clarke, president, pro tem.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The president pro tem. laid before the board a communication from the City Government dated Dec. 21, 1882, directing a conference of the Trustees with the Committee on Public buildings on the question of the establishment of a reading room and delivery station in Ward 24 and requesting the Trustees to consider and report on the expediency and cost of establishing a reading room and delivery in Ward 19 near the Boston and Providence railroad station. Referred to the Committee on Branches.

Ward 24, reading-room & deliv. in.

Ward 19, same.

Also a communication from the Committee on Public buildings dated Dec. 28, 1882 informing the Board that the conference directed by the preceding order from the City Council would be had with the new Committee on Public Buildings for 1883. The Librarian was directed to notify said new committee.

Com. on Pub. bldgs.

He also laid before the Board a letter dated Dec. 21, 1882 from Wm. Goldsmith signifying a willingness on the part of said Goldsmith to rent to the Trustees at a reasonable rate certain premises in Ward 19 owned by him and in his opinion suited to the purpose of a branch delivery and reading-room. Referred to the Committee on Branches, to investigate and report.

Goldsmith, Wm. letter from regarding del. in Wd. 19.

He also reported that the library had received the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.) from J. Ingersoll Bowditch for the purchase of books for the Bowditch Collection.

Bowditch, J. I. gives $500.

Ordered, that the president be requested to return the thanks of the Trustees to Mr. Bowditch for this renewed instance of liberality.

On motion of Mr. Abbott,

Voted, that when the Board adjourns, it be to Tuesday next at 3.00 o'clock.

Board adjourns.

On motion of Mr. Abbott,

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of B. F. Stevens for £ 2.15.6 for newspapers relating to the death of President Garfield.

Stevens £ 2.15.6.

On motion of Prof Haynes,

Ordered, that the president be requested to send an autograph letter to His Grace, the Duke of Northumberland, expressing the thanks of the Trustees for his generous gift of two beautifully illustrated volumes containing a catalogue of the antiquities preserved in the museum of Alnwick Castle.

Northumberland. Duke of, thanks sent to.

Prof. Haynes gave notice of his intention to move an amendment of the By-laws by striking out Sect. 4, of Art. VI.

By-laws amended.

Prof. Haynes introduced an order which, as amended, read as follows: That catalogues of all branch libraries be sold for twenty-five cents each. After some discussion the order was laid on the table.

Branch catalogues

The Librarian reported that Maggie Blood, runner at the Roxbury branch left the service Dec. 1, 1882.

Blood, M. resigns.

Also that in accordance with the vote of the Board dated 19 Dec. 1882, he had opened a delivery station at Neponset, in Wood's block, apartments in which, suitably warmed, he had contracted for at the rate of $75. per annum, and engaged the services of Mrs. Etta M. Ruggles as custodian, subject to the approval of the Trustees at the rate of $125. per annum. The room is to be open from 8 to 8½ A. M. and from 4½ to 6½ P. M. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Neponset del. opened.

Ruggles, E. M. custodian at Nep.

Lambert, W. B. to carry boxes for Nep.

Also that he had contracted with Wm. B. Lambert to carry the boxes at 25 cents a round trip. Approved.

Atkinson, Mary.

He further reported that agreeably to the order of the Board of the same date, he had arranged for the continued services of Mary Atkinson at the South End branch at the rate of $200. per annum from January 1, 1883;

Brydon, W.

and that he had engaged Wm. Brydon at the same branch, as extra runner for Friday and Saturday evenings at the rate of 25 cents per hour, from 22 Dec. 1882. Approved.

Binding at outside binderies desirable

He suggested that it might be found desirable to have some binding of Bates Hall books done by Mr. Hathaway; and an order to that effect, after some discussion, was laid on the table for further consideration.

Levesque, R.

He further reported that by the non-return of Monsieur Levesque to the service, additional assistance was needed in the catalogue room, whereupon the Book Committee reported a recommendation that

Browne, Alice.

the place be filled by Miss Alice Browne at a salary of $500. which was laid on the table; and on motion of Mr. Abbott, the librarian was directed to enquire whether any party now in the library service is worthy of promotion.

Chin, shelving needed.

The Librarian called attention to the necessity of additional shelving at the Charlestown branch, whereupon it was

Ordered, that the Librarian be directed to procure the same

Voted, to reconsider the foregoing order. And the order was laid on the table.

Hubbard, J. M.

Mr. Chase called attention to a circular letter of James M. Hubbard dated Nov. 9, 1882 in regard to fiction, whereupon it was

Novels, French in Library.

Voted, that the Librarian cause to be prepared for the Trustees a list of French novels

and translations thereof in the Lower Hall and branches.

Prof. Haynes laid before the Board the prospectus of La collection Sabouroff; monuments de l'art grec.

Collection Sabouroff.

Voted, that in the opinion of the Board the work should be in the library.

Lower Hall, reports about administration

Mr. Abbott called attention to some reports respecting the administration of the Lower Hall, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Branches.

Watson, Miss, of Dor. salary raised.

On motion of the same gentleman, the pay of Miss Watson, extra assistant at the Dorchester branch was ordered to be at the rate of 25 cents an hour, from January 1, 1883.

Adjourned.

Nellie Chamberlain
Clerk.

January 23d 1883.

Adjourned meeting

January 23, 1883.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough in the chair.

The records of the meeting of January 16 were read and approved.

Semi-annual list of Library publications

New fiction list.

Prof. Haynes presented the semi-annual list of Library publications and offered an order that a new catalogue be prepared of the list of works of fiction, which was laid on the table.

Monthly bills: $ 10820.45

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Feb. 1, 1883 amounting as per cash book of this date to $ 10820.45.

The bills having been duly examined were allowed by the Board.

Pay-roll, $ 6108.32.

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6108.32 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Marqison, Wm.

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Books reported the nomination of Wm. Marqison as Bates Hall runner at the rate of $182 per annum, approved.

Donnelly, M.

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Branches reported the nomination of Michael Donnelly as runner at the South End branch at the rate of $156. per annum in place of Ernest Nutter. Approved.

Marqison.

Ordered, that Wm. Marqison be allowed at the rate of $182 per annum as Bates Hall runner from January 3, 1883.

Donnelly.

Ordered that Michael Donnelly be allowed at $156. per annum from January 1, 1883 for service at the South End branch.

On motion of Mr. Abbott,

Gray, L. F. extra time allowed.

Ordered, that L. F. Gray be allowed five days extra vacation without loss of pay.

Branch catalogues

The order respecting the price of branch catalogues was taken from the table and the Librarian was directed to report the cost of each branch catalogue, the number of copies printed and the number of copies now on hand.

Outside binding.

The subject of outside binding was taken up and without action was laid upon the table.

Browne, Alice.

The nomination of Miss Alice Browne as an assistant in the catalogue department was taken from the table and she was appointed, on probation, at a salary at the rate of $500. per annum.

Catalogue dept. enquiries into conduct of employees.

Ordered, that the Librarian be directed to enquire and report whether any of the employés in the catalogue department are, or have been, doing outside work for pay during library hours.

Charlestown, shelving

Ordered, that the Librarian be directed to contract for additional shelving at the Charlestown branch at a cost not exceeding $150.

By-laws amended.

An order to amend §4. Art. VI. of the By-laws was taken up, and without action was laid on the table.

Fiction and juveniles in branches, to be made into a list.

Ordered, that the Librarian cause to be made a manuscript, alphabetized list of juvenile works and works of fiction in the branch libraries, to be preserved with a copy of the catalogue of the works of fiction in the Lower Hall.

Ruggles, E. M.

Ordered, that Mrs. Etta M. Ruggles be allowed as custodian of the Neponset delivery from January 1, 1883 at $125 per annum.

Roxbury, vacancy at, to be filled.

Ordered, that the Librarian be authorized to fill the vacancy at the Roxbury branch caused by the resignation of Maggie Blood, subject to the approval of the Committee on Branches, at a salary not exceeding $300. per annum.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

January 26, 1883
Special meeting.

January 26, 1883.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held at 10. A.M. to meet the Joint Committee on the Public Library of the City Council.

Committee on Public Library of City Council.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase and Haynes and Aldermen Whitten, Pray and Leighton, and Councilmen Emery, Boynton, Peterson and Marshall.

The Trustees and the Committee examined the Library and then proceeded to view the land granted by the State for a library building.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Feby. 9, 1883.
Special meeting on annual appropriation, and Examining Com.

February 9, 1883.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M. to consider the estimate for the annual appropriation for the Library for the next financial year and to appoint the Examining Committee.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke and Haynes.

The president Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The president read a communication from

the Auditor of accounts requesting to be furnished on or before the 15th inst. with a detailed estimate of the amount deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the public library for the financial year which commences on the ensuing first of May; also an estimate of the income to be paid into the City Treasury. Ordered to be placed on file.

Auditor, communication from.

Voted, that the Examining Committee shall consist of nine members: five for the general examination and four for the special examination of books.

Exam. Com.tee to consist of nine.

The following gentlemen were chosen with their respective substitutes.

Exam. Com.tee

Rev. Alex.r T. Twombly,	sub.	Rev. A. J. Gordon
Dr. John G. Blake	"	Dr. D. W. Cheever
Augustus Lowell, Esq.	"	John A. Tetlow, Esq.
Richard Sullivan, Esq.	"	Edward W. Codman.
J. Audley Maxwell, Esq,	"	Edwd. T. Brown.

Special Committee.

Thomas S. Perry,	French and German lit.
Dr. O. W. Holmes,	Medical do.
Col. T. W. Higginson,	Parker library.
Wm. F. Apthorp, Esq.,	Musical library.

Adjourned,

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

February 14, 1883.

Special meeting on appropriations.

February 14, 1883.

A special meeting of the Corporation to consider the subject of appropriations, was held in the Trustees' room at 4.00 P. M.

Comtee on Library of City Council.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke and Haynes and by special invitation to the Committee of the City Council on the Public Library, Alderman Pray and Councilmen Emery and Lee.

The president Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of previous meetings was deferred.

After a full conference between the Trustees and the representatives of the Committee of the City Council the Trustees

Resolve in the matter of money for new building.

Resolved, that in the opinion of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library the interests of the City require that a suitable sum of money be appropriated for the purpose of beginning work upon the erection of a library building on the lot of land granted to the city for said purpose by the Commonwealth by Chap. 222 of the Acts of 1880.

Annual estimate, for 1883-84 $120.000

The following estimate of appropriations for the coming year 1883-84 was reported, to be communicated to the City Government, agreeably to the request of the Auditor, dated Feb. 1, 1883.

Binding,	$3,000.00	
Books,	17,000.00	
Catalogues,	5,000.00	
Fuel,	3,000.00	
Furniture,	2,000.00	
Gas,	5,000.00	
Incidentals,	3,000.00	
Printing & Stationery	4,000.00	
Salaries	76,000.00	
Transportation	2,000.00	$120,000.00

Adjourned,

Mellen Chamberlain Clerk.

February 20, 1883. Feb. 20, 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough in the chair.

The records of the meetings of January 23d and 26th were read and approved.

By-laws amended in § 4 of Art. VI.

Prof. Haynes called from the table the order respecting the amendment of the By-laws by striking out § 4, of Art. VI and the order was passed.

Outside binding.

The order respecting the binding of books outside the Library bindery was indefinately postponed.

Ward 24, delivery &c.

The Librarian reported that agreeably to the order of the Board of January 16, 1883 he had notified the Committee on Public buildings that the Trustees are ready for a conference with regard to a delivery in Ward 24, at such time and place as said Committee may determine.

That he had enquired if any party in the Library service is worthy of promotion to the catalogue department and asked for further time.

French novels in L. H. and branches.

That he had caused steps to be taken for the preparation of a list of French novels and translations of such in the Lower Hall and branches.

Branch catalogues report on.

That by order of the Board of Jan. 23d he had prepared and now submitted a report on the number of each branch catalogue printed and the cost, together with the number now on hand.

Same, prices reduced.

Ordered, that the price of the branch catalogues be as follows, Charlestown 50 cents, Dorchester 50, South End, 50, Roxbury 20, South

Boston 20, and that notices to that effect be posted in each branch effected by this order.

Catalogue Dept. employes report on their conduct

He reported on the order of the same date to ascertain if persons in the catalogue department are doing outside work, by submitting the written statements of all parties concerned, which were ordered to be placed on file.

Shelving at Chn. Done.

That by authority of the Board of the same date he had contracted for shelving at Charlestown at a cost of $150 and that the work had been satisfactorily done.

Berry, Lizzie C.

That by authority of same date he had engaged Lizzie C. Berry for the Roxbury service at $300. per annum from Feb. 1, 1883 in place of Maggie Blood.

Browne, Alice

That he had engaged Miss Alice Browne from February 1 at $500. per annum for service in the Catalogue department.

Aberle, Alfred.

That he had engaged Alfred Aberle as Bates Hall runner from January 29, 1883 at $182. per annum, subject to the approval of the Board.

Godfrey, L.B. Cervi, R. resign

He further reported that Miss L.B. Godfrey would leave the entry department Mar. 1, next and that Mr. Romeo Cervi had expressed his intention of leaving the bindery service at or about the same time.

Dame, A.R.

Prof. Haynes for the Committee on Books reported the nomination of Miss Agnes R. Dame, on probation to fill the place to be made vacant March 1, by the resignation of Miss Godfrey, in the ordering department at a salary at the rate of $500. per annum.

Wash^n Village, delivery in.

Dr. Clarke for the Committee on Branches reported indefinite postponement on the petition of Miss Manning for the establishment of a delivery station in Washington Village; report adopted.

Lower Hall, report respecting administration.

Also, for the same committee on the administration of the Lower Hall that no action is necessary. Report adopted, and written testimony to be placed on file.

Monthly bills, $11,448.43.

Mr. Abbott for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury March 1, 1883 amounting as per cash book of this date to $11,448.43.

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6197.55.

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6197.55 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £13.8.4.

The president reported that he had drawn on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £13.8.4. in excess of the amount authorized at the last regular meeting of the Board.

Voted, that the action of the president be approved.

same. £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices arrived.

Aberle, A.

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Administration nominated Alfred Aberle, Bates Hall runner at a salary of $182 per annum, approved.

Berry, L.C.

Dr. Clarke for the Committee on Branches reported the nomination of Miss Lizzie C. Berry in place of Maggie Blood at Roxbury at a salary of $300. Approved.

Aberle,

Ordered, that Alfred Aberle be allowed as Bates Hall runner from January 29, 1883 at a rate of $182. per annum.

Browne, Alice.

Ordered, that Miss Alice Browne be allowed from Feby 1, at a salary at the rate of $500. per annum for service in the catalogue department.

Berry. L.C.

Ordered, that Miss Lizzie C. Berry be al-

loved at $300. per annum from February 1, 1883 for service at the Roxbury branch.

Neponset, petition for direct communication.

A petition from the citizens of Neponset that the books may be sent from the Central library direct instead of going through the Dorchester branch was received and was referred to the Committee on Branches, to consider and report.

Alcoves, privilege of entering &c.

Prof. Haynes offered the following orders,

Whereas, the privilege of entering the alcoves unattended was granted by Mr. Jewett, early in the history of the Library to Mr. Charles Atwood,

Atwood, Chas.

Ordered, that this privilege be confirmed by this Board.

Ordered, that no such privilege be conferred upon any person whatsoever except by vote of the Board.

Schofield bequest $50,000.

Mr. Greenough laid before the Board a copy of the will of the late Arthur Schofield of New York giving $50,000.00 to the City of Boston for the use of the Public Library, the income of the same to be paid to certain parties during their lives.

See City Council [6350. 2. 1883] minutes 1883, pp. 579, 606, 621, 628

On motion of Mr. Chase,

Abbott, S.A.B., and Greenough, W.W. appointed Com^tee on same.

Ordered, that the president and Mr. Abbott be a committee to take such measures as may be deemed necessary to receive the bequest of the late Arthur Schofield of New York to the city of Boston for the use of the Public Library with authority to submit to the next meeting of the City Council such propositions in regard to said bequest, as they regard expedient.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

February 24, 1883. Feb. 24, 1883.

Special meeting.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3½ P. M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Haynes and Stebbins.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meeting of February 20 was deferred.

Object of meeting.

The president stated the object of the meeting, as called, to consider the matters respecting the Public Library, now pending before the City Council.

On motion of Prof. Haynes,

Plans for new library approved.

Ordered, that the plans for the Public Library building on the Back Bay land drawn by George A. Clough, and the estimated cost thereof at $450,000.00 as contained in City document no. 111, of the year 1882 be, and they hereby are approved.

On motion of Mr. Chase,

Land adjacent to State's gift recommended to be taken

Voted, that the Trustees recommend to the City Council to take the land fronting on Dartmouth street and St. James avenue, and adjacent to the lot given by the Commonwealth to the City of Boston for a Public Library, under the provision of Chap. 143 of the Acts of the General Court for the year 1882.

President to represent Trustees at hearing before Com. on Library.

Voted, that the president be authorized to take charge of the hearing before the Committee on the Public Library of the City Council, Wednesday evening, February 28 and any continuance thereof and express the views of the Trustees, and present such evidence as he may see fit.

Adjourned,

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

March 20, 1883.

March 20, 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke, Flynn Haynes, Whitten and near the close of the session, Abbott.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Feby 20 and 24 were read and approved.

Whitten, Chas P. Flynn, James J. elected Trustees

A communication from the City Clerk that Charles P. Whitten and James J. Flynn had been elected by the City Council Trustees of the Public Library "for one year from the first Monday in January 1883 and until others are elected in their places." Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Schofield bequest of $50,000.00

Mr. Greenough made a statement respecting the bequest to the Public Library of $50,000.00 by the late Arthur Schofield, to the effect that the family were considering what they could do under the will: whether to bestow it at once to the city upon the terms of the will, or, in case that could not legally be done under the laws of New York, they would break the will, become heirs to the property and give it to the use of the Library.

Ward 24, bank building in, sub-committee on.

Mr. Whitten stated that Mr. Eddy and himself were a sub-committee of the Committee on Public Buildings of the City Council to confer with the Trustees in respect to the use of the Bank Building in Ward 24. Referred to the Committee on Branches.

Whitten C.P. and Flynn J.J. appointed to Committees

The president appointed Mr. Whitten to the Committee on Administration and Mr. Flynn to the Committee on Branches and both to the Committee on Finance.

Ray, Richard resigns
Collins, E.J.
Cervi, R. resigns.
Ryder, Frank.

The Librarian reported the resignation of Richard Ray, Bates Hall assistant, March 13 and the temporary employment in his place of Mrs. E.J. Collins. Also the resignation of Romeo Cervi in the bindery and the employment of Frank Ryder as forwarder at a salary at the rate of $1000. per annum.

Godfrey, L.B. resigns.
Dame, Agnes R.

Also that Miss Lydia B. Godfrey left the service on the 1st of March and that Miss Agnes R. Dame entered the service in the ordering department on the same day.

Assessors' records

He called attention to the proposed deposit in the Library of certain bound volumes of records of real estate assessments, and he was directed to inform the City council that although in the present straitened capacity of the Library such books could not be eligibly located yet the Trustees would receive them and give them the best location at their disposal.

Charlestown branch fire near

He also laid before the Board a letter from Dr. Cartée in relation to a recent narrow escape from a fire at the Charlestown branch, originating in the Police department. Placed on file.

Cervi, R.

Prof. Haynes for the Committee on Administration reported that Romeo Cervi left the Bindery March 3d and the nomination of

Ryder, F.

Frank Ryder as forwarder in the bindery at a salary at the rate of $1000. per annum from March 5.

Ray, R.

Also, the resignation of Richard Ray Bates Hall assistant on the 13th March

Collins, E.J.

and nominated Mrs. Elizabeth J. Collins to take his place at a salary at the rate of $450. per annum.

In the absence of Mr. Abbott, Alderman Whitten from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury April 1, 1883, amounting as per cash book of this date to $9705.71.

Monthly bills $9705.71

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6065.52

Ordered that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6065.52 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £11.10.11

Ordered that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of N. Trubner & Co., for £11.10.11 in excess of the amount authorized at the last meeting of the Board.

Trübner £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros, & Co. in favor of N. Trübner for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Ryder, F.

Ordered, that Frank Ryder be allowed as forwarder in the bindery from March 5, 1883 at $1000.00 per annum.

Dame, A.R.

Ordered, that Miss Agnes R. Dame be allowed as assistant clerk in the Entry department from March 1, 1883 at $500.00 per annum.

Ferron, Joseph.

Ordered, that Joseph Ferron be employed as runner at the South End branch from March 13, 1883 at $156. per annum.

Eberle, A.E. Allowance for sickness $40.

Rev. Dr. Clarke from the Committee on Branches recommended that Miss Eberle of the Charlestown branch be allowed a sum not exceeding $40. for what she expended in paying a substitute during her absence on account of ill health. Recommendation adopted.

Ward 19 Librarian's report on.

The Librarian, to whom had been referred the question of opening a reading room and delivery station in Ward 19, reported that the district was not unlike that at the North End, and that the same considerations which led to the establishment of that reading room might fairly operate in respect to Ward 19. Referred to the Committee on Branches to consider and report.

Davis, Eliza R. resignation of.

Rev. Dr. Clarke, for the Committee on Branches reported the resignation of Mrs. Davis as Librarian at Jamaica Plain on Feb. 10, 1883 and that she had been asked to withdraw her resignation and had done so. Approved.

same withdrawn.

Barton, A.J. salary $550.

He also recommended that Miss Barton's salary as assistant librarian at Jamaica Plain be at the rate of $550. per annum from January 1, 1883. Approved and adopted.

Belknap, F.P.

The Librarian laid before the Board a letter from F.P. Belknap, in respect to the use of the Public Library by the Army and Navy people temporarily residing in the city. No vote was passed but it appeared to be the sense of the Board and so to be understood by the Librarian that he is to give a liberal construction to the terms "inhabitant" and "resident," in respect to the issue of cards, not only to the army and navy people but to those residing in the city during a part of the year.

Noble, John Treadwell estate.

The president laid before the Board a communication from John Noble, Esq., dated Mar. 17, in relation to the Treadwell estate. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Chandler, P.C. recommends purchase of patent lists.

Also, a letter from P.C. Chandler in respect to the purchase of a classified list of electrical patents issued by the United States Patent office. The Librarian was directed to pur-

chase.

Soule, C.C. granted freedom of alcoves.

Ordered, that Mr. C. C. Soule be allowed to examine the law library in the alcoves.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

April 17, 1883.

April 17, 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Chase, Clarke near the close of the session, Flynn, Haynes and Whitten.

Chase, G.B. president pro tem.

In the absence of the president Mr. Greenough, Mr. Chase, the senior member, took the chair, and on motion of Mr. Abbott was elected president pro tem.

The records of the meeting of March 20 were read and approved.

Percival, Albert.

Prof. Haynes for the Committee on Administration reported the nomination of Albert Percival as Bates Hall runner from Apr. 14 1883 in place of H. R. Brooks at $182 per annum.

Hemstead, Wm.

Wm. Hemstead as pressman in the bindery in place of E. M. Roe from Apr. 14, 1883 at $15 per week and Wm. Monahan as assistant janitor in place of Timothy Mc Carthy from March 20, 1883 at $500 per annum.

Monahan, Wm.

Nominations respectively approved and appointments were made in conformity thereto.

Monthly bills $9972.31

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury May 1, 1883 amounting as per cash-book of this date to $9972.31.

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6247.23

Ordered, that the pay roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6247.23 is hereby specially approved.

Hussey & Co. £14.5.7 for Japanese books.

Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Messrs. Peter Hussey & Co. of Yokohama, Japan, for £14.5.7 for Japanese books.

Bentham, for Genera plantarum £6.1.6

In the absence of the president the Librarian reported that the former had drawn on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of George Bentham for £6.1.6 for the work Genera plantarum.

Ordered, that the action of the president be approved.

Seay, G. M. for Richmond Enquirer $50.

Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to make a special draft on the City Treasury in favor of Geo. M. Seay, of Blacks and Whites, Va., for a sum not exceeding $50. for the Richmond Enquirer from 1832 to 1861.

Muller, F. £47.10.0

Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of F. Muller, of Amsterdam for £47.10.0 for mathematical books for the Bowditch collection.

Trübner £67.7.11½

Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £67.7.11½ for invoices arrived.

Trubner, £100.

Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Percival, Alb.

Ordered, that Albert Percival be allowed as Bates Hall runner from April 14, 1883 at $182 per annum.

Hemstead, Wm.

Ordered, that William Hemstead be allowed as bindery pressman from Apr. 14, 1883, at $15. per week.

Monahan W.

Ordered, that Wm. Monahan be allowed as assistant janitor from March 20, 1883 at a salary at the rate of $500. per annum.

Barton, A. J. salary increased.

Ordered that the salary of Miss. A. J. Barton of the Jamaica Plain branch be at the rate of $550. per annum from January 1, 1883.

Eberle, A. E. allowance for sickness.

Ordered, that Miss Annie E. Eberle be allowed $40. for what she expended in paying a substitute during her absence on account of ill-health.

Collins, E. J.

Ordered, that Mrs. E. J. Collins be allowed at a salary at the rate of $450. from March 13, 1883.

Trust funds reported

Mr. Abbott also reported the statement of the trust funds accounts which was ordered to be placed on file and it was

Annual income put with Barings $6940.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to transmit to Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. the annual interest upon the trust-funds belonging to the Library and amounting to the sum of $6940.00 the same to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

Roe, E. M. leaves service

The Librarian reported that Edward M. Roe, pressman in the bindery left the service Apr. 7, 1883, and that he had engaged Wm. Hemstead in his place from Apr. 14, 1883 at $15.00 per week, subject to the approval of the Board.

Hemstead, W.

Brooks, H. R. leaves service

That Herbert R. Brooks, Bates Hall runner left the service March 22, 1883, and that Albert Percival had been engaged in his stead from Apr. 14 at $182 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board.

Percival, Alb.

McCarthy, Tim. leaves

That Timothy McCarthy, assistant-janitor, left the service March 20, 1883, and that Wm. Monahan was engaged to take his place at a salary at the rate of $500. per annum from March 20, 1883, subject to the approval of the Board.

Monahan, Wm.

Fiction in branches, list of.

That the manuscript, alphabetized list of juvenile works and works of fiction in the Branches

was nearly completed.

Green, H. E. resigns

He presented the resignation of Miss H. E. Green, curator of the card-catalogues to take effect May 1, 1883.

Referred to the Committee on Books.

Bragdon, A. J. resigns.

Also, the resignation of Miss A. J. Bragdon, of the South Boston branch to take effect May 31, next.

Referred to the Committee on Branches.

Porée, A. M. requests leave of absence.

He laid before the Board the request of Miss A. M. Porée for one month, leave of absence.

Referred to the Committee on Administration with full powers.

Die Stadt Palma, gift from Archduke Ludwig Salvator.

He presented for the inspection of the Trustees Die Stadt Palma, a gift from the author, His Imperial Highness, the Archduke Ludwig Salvator of Austria, whereupon, on motion of Professor Haynes, it was

Voted, that the thanks of the Board be communicated to the giver.

Bossange, L.

He further reported that he had had several interviews with Mr Leopold Bossange, of Paris, who was desirous of acting as agent of the Library for the purchase of French books, and in this connection, he read a letter from Robbins Little, Esq, of the Astor library.

After some explanations and discussion it was

Voted, that the Librarian prepare a proposition to be submitted to the Board.

Preston, E. W. letter from.

The Librarian laid before the Board a letter from Elliot W. Preston in respect to the non-purchase of certain books recommended by him.

Ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Prof. Haynes:

Gray, L. F. to make entries at Custom House

Ordered, that Louis F. Gray, Office secretary, be authorized to represent the Trustees in the entry of books at the Custom House.

Ordered, that the Librarian take no

Chandler, P.C. no further action on letter of.

further action in reference to the letter of Mr. P. C. Chandler in regard to purchasing a series of reports of the Patent Office upon electrical subjects.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

May 7, 1883. Annual meeting

May 7, 1883.

The annual meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Flynn Haynes and Whitten.

Greenough, W. W. elected Trustee.

The Clerk read a communication from the City Clerk dated April 28, 1883 stating that William W. Greenough had been elected a trustee of the Public Library for five years from the first Monday in May 1883 and until another is elected in his place.

President chosen.

Mellen Chamberlain, the clerk, called to order. W. W. Greenough was elected president, took the chair and made some appropriate remarks.

Clerk chosen

Mellen Chamberlain was chosen clerk and took the oath of office as appears by the following certificate

Suffolk, ss. May 7, 1883.

Then personally appeared the above named Mellen Chamberlain and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of Clerk of the Corporation.

Before me

W. W. Greenough,

Justice of the Peace

By laws.

Ordered, that the By-laws of the last year remain in force until others are adopted in their stead.

By-laws, change proposed.

Mr. Chase gave notice of his intention to move a change in Art. IV, Sect. 1 of the By-laws, so as to read after the word President "save only the Committee on Books which shall consist of four members." Laid over under the rule.

Book Com^tee to consist of four members

Librarian elected.

Mellen Chamberlain was elected Librarian.

Committees for 1883-'84

The following committees were appointed by the President:

Administration,	Messrs.	Chase, Haynes, Whitten.
Books	"	Haynes, Clarke, Chase.
Branches	"	Clarke, Abbott, Flynn.
Finance		Abbott, Whitten, Flynn.

Chap. 217 Acts of General Court for 1882.

Mr. Greenough laid before the Board Chap. 217 of the Acts of 1882 entitled "An act for returns of property held for literary, benevolent, charitable or scientific purposes."

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Inferno, list of books in.

On motion of Mr. Chase,

Ordered, that the Librarian cause to be prepared a list of the books in the Inferno, for the use of the Trustees.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

May 15, 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke, Flynn and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meetings of April 17 and May 7 was deferred.

Pay-roll for 1883-84.

The Committee on Finance reported certain changes in salaries and the following was adopted for the pay-roll for the coming year 1883-84:

Chamberlain, Mellen,	$4000.
Whitney, James L.	2500.
Knapp, A. M.	2000.
Carret, J. F.	2000.
Foster, W. H.	1800.
Ford, W. E.	1500.
Griffin, A. P. C.	1500.
Gray, L. F. 750. day service, 300 extra.	1050.
Swift, Lindsay	1000.
Adams, W. G.	900.
Pike, H. N.	900.
Nichols, A. A.	900.
Fuller, E. D.	900.
Reed, E. T.	650.
Knowles, L. F.	600.
McGrath, M. A.	600.
Osgood, M. F.	600.
Blake, H. C.	600.
Hutchins, A. E.	600.
Porée, A. M.	550.
Burnell, C. K.	550.
Miller, A. C.	550.
Whyte, T. M.	600.

White, John,	$600.
Roffe, Wm.	600.
Dame, A. R.	500.
Browne, Alice	500.
Blaisdell, F. C. 500. day service, 300 evenig "	800.
Monahan, Wm.	500.
Doyle, Margaret,	450.
Young, W. M. L.	450.
O'Kane, T. H.	260.
Canny, Wm.	260.
Eastman, R. L. 45¢ p. hour, average	375.
Walsh, Wm.	182.
Donovan, Daniel,	182.
Carroll, P. E.	182.
Marqison, Wm.	182.
Federhen, W. H.	182.
Aberle, Alfred,	182.
Percival, Albert,	182.
Collins, E. J.	450.
~~ Lower Hall ~~	
Tiffany, Edward,	1500.
Robinson, W. F.	1000.
Cummings, T. H.	1000.
Jenkins, M. A.	750.
Poree, C. E.	600.
Mack, E. J.	550.
Mack, S. A.	550.
Dillon, E. R.	550.
Kennedy, A. M.	500.
Shea, A. G.	312.
Ross, R. B.	300.
Richards, Florence	260.
Twichler, Louise	260.
Sheridan, Mary	208.
Briggs, Rebecca,	208.
Twichler, Julia,	156.

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McGrath, C. A.	156.
Roslund, Mary,	156.
Butler, John,	225.16
Burnham, H. H.	
Day, W. L.	
McCormack, J. J.	385.
Reardon, J. H.	
Young, S. D.	
~~ Bindery ~~~	
Blake, A. M.	1200.
Sandford, P. B.	1040.
Sampson, W.	1000.
Ryder, Frank,	1000.
Bemstead, Wm.	780.
Siquere, A.	780.
McConnell, S.	312.
Austin, Sarah	494.
Wheeler, M.	494.
Moriarty, M.	468
Bowen, S. E.	416.
Dumas, S.	364.
Morton, S.	364.
~~ East Boston. ~~~	
Godbold, S. C.	700.
Hosea, G. S.	600.
Gray, Mary R.	500.
Wing, A. M.	500.
Cathcart, M. E.	350.
Extra assts. averaged and aggregated	360.
~~ South Boston ~~~	
Bragdon, A. J.	700.
Baker, Joseph.	600.
Eaton, E. A.	500.
Davis, Emma,	500.
Sampson, Ida.	450.
Watson, Mary	350.
Extra assistants,	275.

	$
~~ Roxbury ~~~	
Bunker, Sarah,	700.
Curtis, Charles R.	700.
Bradley, Mary,	500.
Puffer, Dora.	450.
Bell, Helen M.	450.
Berry, L. C.	300.
Extra assistants,	275.
~~ Charlestown. ~~~	
Cartée, C. S.	1000.
Smith, J. E.	300.
Eberle, A. E.	500.
Swain, M. P.	500.
Willoughby, Alice,	156
Extra assistants,	560.
~~ Brighton ~~~	
Brock, M. E.	600.
Brock, James M.	500.
Grailey, M. F.	350.
Brock, S. A.	85.
~~ Dorchester ~~~	
Coffin, M. G.	700.
Davenport, Edwd.	400.
Sheridan, J.	500.
Pike, F. W.	400.
Watson, L. A.	200.
Hill, M. A. (Lower Mills)	125.
Towner, H. L. (Mattapan.)	125.
Ruggles, E. M. (Neponset.)	125.
~~ South End ~~~	
De Borges, G. A.	700.
Morse, M. M.	500.
Sheridan, M. J.	500.
Arkinson, Mary,	200.
Percival, Harold,	156
Extra runner, 8¢ an hour	20

Pay-roll 1883-84

Jamaica Plain.

Barton, A. J.	$550.
Johnson, Timothy	300
Riley, N. F.	500.
Extra assistant	260.
Otis, R. M. (Roslindale)	8333
Hibbard, Anna (W. Rox.)	100.
Davis, J. M. "	25.
North End.	
Davis, E. R.	700.
Mooney, M. E.	300.
Fleming, J. F.	300.
Extra assistance	25.

Clerk of Committees information as to employes requested.

Mr. Greenough received blanks from the Clerk of Committees requiring information as to employes, which was ordered to be furnished in conformity with the request.

Mr. Flynn presented the following:

Deuerlich £200.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to request Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. to place with their agent in Göttingen £200. to the credit of G. Deuerlich.

By-laws, amend. Book Com^tee to consist of four.

Mr. Chase called up the order amending the By-laws in Art. IV, sec. 1 by inserting after the word president, "save only the Committee on Books, which shall consist of four members." And the order was passed.

Abbott, S. A. B. appointed to Com. on books.

S. A. B. Abbott was appointed to the Committee on Books.

Adjourned to May 22^d at 3. P. M.

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

May 22, 1883.

May 22, 1883.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3. P. M.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Chase, Clarke, Haynes and Whitten.

Chase, G. B. president pro tem.

In the absence of the president Mr. Greenough, Mr. Chase took the chair.

The records of the meetings of April 17, May 7 and 15 were read and approved, after some amendments.

Monthly bills $9599.43.

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury June 1, 1883 amounting as per cash book of this date to $9599.43, the bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay roll $6185.72

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6185.72 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner. £21.7.9.

It was reported for the president that he had drawn on Messrs. Baring Bros & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £21.7.9 in excess of the amount authorized at the last regular meeting of the Board, viz. £100.

Ordered, that the action of the president is hereby approved.

Trübner, £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next regular meeting of the Board.

Bullard, N. J. appointed Libn at South Boston

Rev. Dr. Clarke for the Committee on Branches reported the name of Miss N. Josephine Bullard, of Middleboro' as librarian of the South Boston branch and she was elected her salary being fixed at the rate of $600. per annum from June 1 1883.

Eaton, E. A. salary increased.

It was ordered that the salary of Miss E. A. Eaton of the same branch be at the rate of $600. per annum from June 1, 1883.

Libn's substitute at So. Boston

The matter of the Librarian's substitute of the South Boston branch was referred to the Committee on branches.

Ordered, that the following instrument be approved, and that it be signed by the president and the clerk and that a seal for the Corporation be affixed thereto:

Vote of Directors.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library of Boston, State of Massachusetts, a Corporation duly established by the laws of the State of Massachusetts, held on the twenty second day of May 1883, it was voted to authorize and empower Mellen Chamberlain, Clerk of said Corporation, and Louis F. Gray, Office Secretary in said Corporation, or either of them, for said Corporation and in its name and stead, to enter in due form of law, at the Custom house at the Port of Boston, within and for the District of Boston and Charlestown, all goods, wares and merchandise which have been imported or may hereafter be imported by said Corporation, or which have arrived consigned or may hereafter arrive consigned to it or in which it is or may be interested or concerned; and to sign, seal, execute and deliver any and all bonds; and to do and perform any and all acts which may be required by the laws of the United States or by the regulations of the Treasury department issued in pursuance thereof, and generally to do and perform all things relating to the premises, hereby ratifying and confirming all and whatsoever our representatives as aforesaid may lawfully do by virtue hereof.

Chamberlain, M. Gray, L. F. to act for Corporation at the Custom House.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Corporate seal, this 22d day of May 1883.

Boston Public Library
By William W. Greenough, President
There being no Treasurer.

Voted, that the employes in the bindery be allowed one week's leave of absence for the present year without loss of pay.

Bindery employes granted vacation

Ordered, that the branch librarians may arrange the hours of service for the months of June, July and August of the present year so that the female employes may have in turn one forenoon a week, provided however, that this privilege shall not be allowed when the service requires attendance.

Branches, change of hours for summer.

Ordered, that the Lower Hall and reading room be closed one hour earlier than usual beginning Monday July 2 and ending Saturday Sept. 1, 1883, and the branches, beginning Monday June 4 and ending Saturday Sept. 1.

Lower Hall, ditto.

Certain letters in favor of Leopold Bossange were read and referred to the Committee on Books.

Bossange, L.

Mr. Abbott alluded to Mr. Hubbard's late pamphlet in respect to the South End catalogue and asked that the same be referred to the Examining Committee with the request to examine and report.

Hubbard, J. M. pamphlet in respect to S. End catalogue.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

June 19, 1883.

June 19, 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Chase, Clarke, Greenough and Haynes.

Mr. Greenough, the president, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

White, Benj.

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Administration reported the name of Benjamin White as Bates Hall runner at a salary of $182. per annum from June 16. Approved.

Hunt, Edw. B.

Prof. Haynes for the Committee on Books reported the name of Edward B. Hunt as assistant in the catalogue room at a salary at the rate of $650. per annum from June 1, 1883. Approved.

Rev. Dr. Clarke said he had recently visited the South Boston branch and that the new librarian appeared to be doing well.

Monthly bills $9025.20

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury July 1, 1883 amounting as per cash-book of this date to $9025.20. The bills having been duly examined by the Board were approved.

Pay roll $6167.82.

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6167.82 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £54.15.6

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £54.15.6 for invoices arrived.

Trübner £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Burns, $909.87 for London Gazette.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to make a special draft on the City Treasury in favor of Chas. de F. Burns for $909.87 for the London Gazette.

Burnell, C. K. salary increased

Ordered, that the salary of Miss Carrie K. Burnell be at the rate of $600. per annum from May 1, 1883.

Hunt, E. B.

Ordered, that Edward B. Hunt be allowed as assistant in the Catalogue room at $650. per annum from June 1, 1883.

White, Benj.

Ordered, that Benjamin White be allowed as Bates Hall runner from June 16 at $182 per annum.

Burley, Edith.

Ordered, that Edith Burley be allowed as Lower Hall runner from June 11 at $3.00 per week while in the service.

Christern, old orders in hands of transferred to Bossange.

On motion of Prof. Haynes the Librarian was authorized to countermand certain orders of long standing in Mr. Christern's hands, and give a trial order to Messrs. Bossange.

Bragdon, A. J. resigns.

The Librarian reported that Miss Alice J. Bragdon, librarian of the South Boston branch left the service May 31, and that Miss N. Josephine Bullard entered the same June 1, 1883.

Bullard, N. J.

Aberle, A. and Carroll, P. E. leave the service.

That Alfred Aberle and Patrick E. Carroll, respectively Bates Hall and Catalogue department runners left the service May 31, 1883.

O'Kane, T. H. leaves.

That Thomas H. O'Kane, Librarian's runner left the service June 2, 1883.

Parsons, M. S. leaves.

That Miss M. S. Parsons temporarily employed in the Catalogue department had left the service.

Blaisdell, F. C. Kennedy, A. M. salaries of.

He called attention to the salaries of Frank C. Blaisdell and Annie M. Kennedy

Janitor at South End. salary of.

and the janitor at the South End branch. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Lower Hall to remain open on Saturdays till 9 P.M.

Ordered, that the Lower Hall be opened until 9 o'clock Saturday nights during July and August.

Exam. Com'tees list to be published

On motion of Prof. Haynes it was ordered, that a list of all the Examining Committees be published with the annual report.

L. H. circulation

Mr. Greenough read some figures respecting the circulation in the Lower Hall for the year past. Referred to the Committee on Books, and the Librarian was directed to have copies of said figures made and sent to the members of the Board.

Adjourned to June 25 at 3 P.M.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

June 25, 1883.

June 25, 1883.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation to consider the annual report in respect to the reduced circulation in Lower Hall, was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was deferred.

L. H. circulation statement of causes of decrease

Mr. Chase read a statement of the causes of the falling off in the circulation in the Lower Hall, and after a full discussion of the subject the Board adjourned to Tuesday July 17 at 10. A. M.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

July 17, 1883.

July 17, 1883.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 10. A. M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Morse.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of June 19 and 25 were read and approved.

Morse, Godfrey elected Trustee

A communication from the City clerk dated 30 June 1883, informed the Board that Godfrey Morse had been elected a trustee in the place of and for the unexpired term of James J. Flynn, resigned. Ordered to be placed on file.

Aldermen, regular meetings to be omitted during summer

Also, a communication from the Assistant City clerk was read to the effect that the regular meetings of the Board of Aldermen would be omitted on July 9, 23, Aug. 6, 20 and Sept. 3 & 17, unless hereafter otherwise ordered. Ordered to be placed on file.

Sept. 17 flags to be displayed and departments to close at noon.

Also from the same, that the City council had ordered flags to be displayed upon the public buildings on the Seventeenth of September next and that the offices in City Hall and other departments be closed at twelve o'clock on that day where it can be done without public detriment. Ordered to be placed on file.

School Com'tee vote of, in respect to N. E. branch

Also a communication was received from the School committee dated July 3d and enclosing the following vote:

"Voted, that the two rooms on the lower "floor (left-hand side) in the Hancock Gram-"mar School building be granted for the use of "the branch Public Library instead of the two rear "rooms at present occupied, and that the interested "parties be notified

"Attest, Phineas Bates.
"Secy. Sch. Com."

N. E. branch.

Whereupon, ordered, that the City Council be requested to furnish accommodations for the North End reading room and Delivery station in the Hancock School house agreeably to the above communication.

Morse, G. appointed to Committees.

The president appointed Mr. Morse to the Committees on Finance and on Branches

Fence to be rebuilt

Ordered, that the Librarian be directed to request the Superintendent of Public Buildings to reconstruct the fence on Van Rensselaer place.

Monthly bills, $8474.84

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury August 1, amounting as per cash book of this date to $8474.84. The bills, having been duly examined by the Board, were approved.

Pay roll $6160.91

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6160.91 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £108.0.8.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner for £108.0.8. for invoices arrived.

Trübner £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next regular meeting of the Board.

Allen, E. G. £23.6.6.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of Edward G. Allen for £23.6.6 for binding British patent reports.

Thain, F. A.

Ordered, that Frank A. Thain be allowed as Bates Hall runner from June 25, 1883 at the rate of $182. per annum.

On motion of Mr. Abbott,

Percival, H. pay increased.

Ordered, that the pay of Harold Percival at the South End branch be at the rate of $182 per annum from July 1, 1883.

Blaisdell, F.C. Kennedy, A.M. Morse, M.M. salaries of

Motions in respect to the salaries of Frank C. Blaisdell, Miss Kennedy and Miss Morse were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Adjourned to August 14 at 10 A.M. at which time in the absence of the Trustees the Clerk is directed to adjourn to 21 August at 3.00 P.M.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Tuesday Aug. 21, 1883.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase and Morse.

The president Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of July 17 were read and approved.

Percival, Albert. Donovan, Dan. leave the service.

The Librarian reported that Albert Percival and Daniel Donovan, Bates Hall runners left the service July 18 and Aug. 11, respectively

Thain, F.A., leaves.

That Frank A. Thain, librarian's runner left the service July 28 and that Henry Percival, runner at the South End branch left Aug. 13.

Percival, H., leaves.

Murphy, J.F. Keefe, J.F.

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Administration reported the following names for library service: John F. Murphy and J. Frank Keefe for Bates Hall runners, each at the rate of $182 per annum from July 20 and July 28 respectively; John Rorke as runner at the South End branch at the rate of $182 per annum from Aug. 13. Approved, and appointments made as reported.

Rorke, J.

Petition from Wd. 25

The petition of certain inhabitants of Ward 25 for patent reports was referred to the Librarian to consider and report.

City architect, communication in respect to altering building.

A communication from the City architect respecting certain alterations in the main building was referred to the Committee on Administration

Adams, Wm. F. petition for vacation

The petition of Wm. F. Adams, night watchman, for vacation was referred to the Librarian to report thereon.

Mr. Morse from the Committee on Finance.

Monthly bills. $11,021.98

presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Sept. 1, 1883, amounting as per cash book of this date to $11,021.98. The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay roll $6423.95

Ordered, that the pay roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6423.95 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £.100. for invoices to arrive before the next regular meeting of the Board.

Murphy, J. F.

Ordered, that John F. Murphy be allowed as Bates Hall runner from July 20 at the rate of $182 per annum.

Keefe, J. F.

Ordered, that J. Frank Keefe be allowed as Bates Hall runner from July 28 at the rate of 182 per annum.

Rorke, J.

Ordered, that John Rorke be allowed as runner at the South End branch from August 13 at the rate of $182 per annum.

New building, plans.

Mr. Greenough laid before the Board the draft of an answer to the Committee on Public Library of the City Council respecting plans for a new building. Before fully considering the same and for further consideration thereof the Board adjourned to Tuesday Aug. 28, at 2 pm.

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Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday Aug 28, 1883.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 2.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Morse and Whitten.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meeting of Aug. 21 was deferred.

New building.

The Trustees considered the features of the proposed new library building agreeably to the request of the Committee on Public Library of the City Council dated Aug. 13, 1883; the president, Mr. Greenough read the draft of a communication, which after some further consideration was referred to the President, Mr. Chase and the Librarian to further consider and to transmit to the Committee on Public Library as the answer of the Board.

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Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday Sept. 18, 1883.

Sept. 18, 1883.

No quorum.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough and Abbott.

There being no quorum, the meeting was adjourned to Thursday Sept. 20, at 3.00 p.m.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Sept. 20, 1883

September 20, 1883.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Morse and near the close of the meeting, Abbott.

The president Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of August 21, 28 and Sept. 18 were read and approved.

Austen, M. E. leaves

The Librarian reported that Mary E. Austen forewoman in the Bindery left the service on August 31, 1883 and that he had advanced Sarah E. Bowen to her position at the same rate of pay, $9.50 per week from Sept. 1, 1883, subject to the approval of the Board.

Bowen, S. E. promoted

Dumas, Sarah promoted

That Sarah Dumas in the same department had been advanced to Miss Bowen's place and that her pay had been increased from $7.00 to 7.50 per week from Sept. 1, 1883. Subject to the approval of the Board.

Roslund, Mary transferred to bindery

That Mary Roslund, Lower Hall runner was transferred to the Bindery as apprentice at $182 per annum from Sept. 1, 1883. Subject to the approval of the Board.

Nurenberg, Esther

That Esther Nurenberg entered the service as Lower Hall runner Sept. 10, 1883, at $156. per annum. Subject to the approval of the Board.

Blue Hill bank building, key received.

That he had received the key to the Blue Hill bank building.

Collins, E. J. leaves
Richards, Florence advanced.

That Mrs. E. J. Collins left the service Aug. 31, 1883 and that Florence Richards had been advanced to her place at a salary at the rate of $312. per annum from Sept. 3, 1883.

Adams, W. F. petitions for vacation
Same granted

On the petition of W. F. Adams, night watchman, the Librarian recommended that he be allowed one month's vacation without loss of pay. Recommendation adopted and an order

was passed granting the petition.

Sept. 17 Library closed at noon.

He further reported that agreeably to the order of the City council dated July 2d the Library and branches were closed on Sept. 17 at 12 o'clock noon.

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Administration presented the following nominations:

Bowen, S. E.

Sarah E. Bowen as Forewoman in the Bindery from Sept. 1, 1883 at $9.50 per week in place of Mary E. Austen, resigned.

Roslund, Mary.

Mary Roslund as apprentice in the Bindery from Sept. 1, 1883 at $182 per annum.

Richards, Florence

Florence Richards as Bates Hall assistant from Sept. 3, 1883 at $312 per annum, in place of Mrs. E. J. Collins, resigned.

Nominations severally approved and appointments made conformably thereto.

Nurenberg, Esther

Mr. Morse from the Committee on Branches reported the nomination of Esther Nurenberg as Lower Hall runner from Sept. 10, 1883 at $156 per annum in place of Mary Roslund, transferred to the Bindery Sept. 1, 1883. Recommendation adopted and appointment made.

Monthly bills $8498.13

Mr. Morse from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City treasury Oct. 1, 1883 amounting as per cash book of this date to $8498.13.

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6248.40

Ordered that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6248.40 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £100

Ordered that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of N. Trübner & Co., for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Bowen, S. E.

Ordered, that Sarah E. Bowen's salary be at the rate of $9.50 per week from Sept. 1, 1883.

Dumas, Sarah

Ordered, that Sarah Dumas's salary be at the rate of $7.50 per week from Sept. 1, 1883.

Roslund, Mary.

Ordered, that Mary Roslund's salary be at the rate of $182. per annum from Sept. 1, 1883.

Richards, Florence

Ordered, that Florence Richards's salary be at the rate of $312 from Sept. 3d 1883.

Nurenberg, Esther

Ordered, that Esther Nurenberg be allowed from Sept. 10, 1883 at $156. per annum.

Publications of Library report on.

The report on publications of the Library was read and ordered to be placed on file.

College of Surgeons and physicians, privileges to.

The petition of the College of Surgeons and Physicians for the use of the Library by the students of said college was granted, the Faculty to give the usual bond.

Adams, W. F. granted vacation

Ordered, that Wm F. Adams be allowed one month's vacation without loss of pay, agreeably to his petition on file.

Special cards to pupils under 14 yrs

Ordered that the Librarian be authorized to issue such special cards to pupils under fourteen years of age, in the second classes of the grammar schools, as may be recommended by the masters of said schools.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Oct. 16, 1883.

The regular meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Chase, Haynes and Morse.

Chase, Mr. president, pro tem.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Greenough, Mr. Chase was chosen president pro tem.

The records of the meeting of Sept. 20 were read and approved.

Lower Mills premises requested for voting purposes.

A letter dated Oct. 10, 1883 was received from the Superintendent of Public Buildings requesting the use of a room in the Blue Hill bank building at the Lower Mills, for voting purposes.

Ordered, that the request be granted.

Hutchins, A. E. leaves.

The Librarian reported that Miss Annie E. Hutchins of the catalogue department left the service on Oct. 13, 1883.

Paris, City of, gift of books.

He reported that he had received from his honor the Mayor twelve valuable French books, the gift of the City of Paris to the City of Boston, and that he had acknowledged to the Mayor the receipt of the same.

Thayer, Miss C. C. and Nichols, Mrs. R. A. additional donations.

That Miss Caroline C. Thayer had given to the Library 17 volumes of the Harleian Society and an illustrated copy of Burke's Peerage; also that Mrs. R. Anne Nichols had added to her former donation Walpole's George II. in 2 volumes Effigies Poeticæ in 2 volumes and the Greenwich Naval Gallery, 1 volume, both gifts subject to the same conditions as the Eliza R. Thayer collection and to be kept with this collection.

Same, thanks of the Board.

Voted, that the special thanks of the Trustees be returned to the donors for these valuable and interesting gifts.

McLaughlin, E. P.

He further reported that Edward P. McLaughlin entered the service as Bates Hall runner from Oct 1, 1883 at the rate of $182 per annum.

McCarthy, Peter,

That Peter McCarthy had been engaged at the South End branch as extra runner for seven hours a week at 10 cents an hour from Oct. 12, 1883.

Prof Haynes for the Committee on Administration

McLaughlin, E.P.

reported the name of Edward P. McLaughlin as Bates Hall runner from Oct. 1, at $182 per annum.

Nomination approved and appointment made.

McCarthy, Peter.

Mr. Abbott for the Committee on Branches reported the name of Peter McCarthy as extra runner at the South End branch from Oct. 12 at 10 cents an hour for seven hours a week. Nomination approved and appointment made

Monthly bills $9316.82

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Nov. 1, 1883 amounting as per cash book of this date to $9316.82

The bills having been duly examined were passed by the Board.

Pay roll $6260.09

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6260.09 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £100

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Deuerlich M 2200.44

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros, & Co. in favor of G. Deuerlich of Göttingen for M. 2200.44 for balance due on invoices arrived.

McLaughlin, E.P.

Ordered, that Edward P. McLaughlin be allowed as Bates Hall runner from Sept. 29 at $182 per annum.

McCarthy, Peter.

Ordered, that Peter McCarthy be allowed as extra runner at the South End branch from Oct. 12, @ 10 cents an hour, for seven hours a week.

Dillon, Ella R. at hospital.

The Librarian stated that Miss Ella R. Dillon was at the City Hospital, on leave of absence, informally granted after consultation with some of the Trustees.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Nov. 20, 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke, Haynes and Morse.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of Oct. 16, 1883 were read and approved.

Lower Mills reading room, Report on.

Rev. Dr. Clarke for the Committee on Branches reported on the reading-room at the Dorchester Lower Mills.

Same, to be opened

Ordered, that the Librarian be directed to open a reading-room at the Dorchester Lower Mills and to maintain the same at an annual expense of not more than $450.00

Monthly bills $11,558.37

Mr. Morse from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Dec. 1, 1883, amounting as per cash book of this date to $11,558.37.

The bills having been duly examined were allowed by the Board.

Pay-roll $6087.00

Ordered that the pay roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6087.00 is hereby specially approved.

Dillon, Ella R. decease of.

The Librarian reported that Miss Ella R. Dillon died at the City Hospital Oct. 22, 1883.

Fire alarm box in building.

That a fire-alarm box had been located in the building for the exclusive use of the Library and that it was numbered 736.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Dec. 18, 1883.

December 18, 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 P.M.

Present: Messrs Greenough, Chase, Clarke and later in the session Abbott.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved

Ross, Robert B. leaves.

The Librarian reported that Robert B. Ross had left the service on Dec. 1, 1883.

Lower Mills reading room opened.

That the Lower Mills delivery and reading-room was opened in the Blue Hill bank building Thursday Dec. 13th 1883 in charge of Miss M. A. Hill the hours being from 4-6 and from 7-9 P.M. every week day and he recommended the increase of Miss Hill's salary to an amount not exceeding $300. per annum. He further asked what instructions he should communicate to J. C. Talbot the proprietor of the former location of the Lower Mills delivery and whose bill is a yearly one of $100. falling due June 1, 1884.

Talbot's bill.

The Librarian laid before the board the resignation of Robert B. Ross, evening reading-room attendant to take effect Dec. 1, 1883 and those of Frank C. Blaisdell, evening registration clerk and Mrs. Etta M. Ruggles, custodian of the Neponset delivery station, both to take effect January 1, 1884. Referred to the Committee on Branches.

Ross, R. B.
Blaisdell, F. C.
Ruggles, Etta M.
resign.

The applications of J. E. Tisdale for appointment to the Evening registration service, of Miss Grace E. Powars to the custodianship at Neponset and of William Roffe for the evening reading-room service were referred to the Committee on Branches who reported back the nominations; approved and appointments were made in conformity.

Tisdale, J. E.
Powars, Grace E.
Roffe, William
applications of
referred to Com. on Branches.

The Committee on Books reported the nomination of Miss M. E. Green for extra service on the Barton catalogues at 60 cents an hour from Dec. 18, 1883. Nomination approved.

Green, Miss H. E.

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury

on January 1, 1884, amounting as per cash book of this date to $9824.61, the bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Monthly bills $9824.61

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6157.55 is hereby specially approved.

Pay-roll $6157.55

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., in favor of M. Trübner & Co., for £16.12.2 in excess of the amount authorized at the last meeting, viz. £100. for invoices arrived.

Trübner £16.12.2

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros & Co., in favor of M. Trübner & Co., for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Same, £100.

Ordered, that Miss M. A. Hill's salary be at a rate not exceeding $300. per annum from Dec. 13, 1883.

Hill, M. A. salary increased.

Ordered, that Miss H. E. Green be allowed at 60 cents an hour from Dec. 18, 1883.

Green, H. E.

Ordered, that J. E. Tisdale be allowed at $300 per annum from January 1, 1884.

Tisdale, J. E.

Ordered, that Miss Grace E. Powars be allowed at $125 per annum from January 1, 1884.

Powars, Grace E.

Ordered, that William Roffe be allowed at $300. per annum from January 1, 1884.

Roffe, Wm.

Adjourned

Nellie F. Chamberlain
Clerk

January 15, 1884

January 15, 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke, Haynes, Morse and Whitten.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of Dec. 18, 1883 were read and approved.

Taff, Thos. B. M. runner

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Administration nominated Thomas Taff for Bates Hall runner at $182 per annum from January 15th.

Selee, Lucy C.

Prof. Haynes from the Committee on Books presented the name of Miss Lucy C. Selee as assistant in the catalogue room from January 1, 1884 at $500.00 per annum.

The above nominations were approved and appointments were made conformably thereto.

Resignations of Ross, R. B. Blaisdell, F. C. and Ruggles, Mrs. E. M.

The Librarian reported that Robert B. Ross left the service Dec. 1, 1883; Frank C. Blaisdell left the evening registration service on January 1, 1884 and Mrs. Etta M. Ruggles left the custodianship of Neponset on January 1, 1884, agreeably to their resignations previously reported.

Canny, W. leaves

That William Canny, runner in the shelf department left the service on January 12, 1884.

Anderson, Mary decease of.

That Mary A. Anderson formerly Lower Hall runner died of consumption on Dec. 21, 1883.

Tisdale, J. E. enters service

That J. E. Tisdale entered the service on January 1, 1884 as Evening registration clerk.

Powers, Grace E. custodian at Nep.

That Miss Grace E. Powers entered upon her duties as custodian at Neponset on January 1, 1884.

Roffe Wm. Evening Rd. Rm. attendant

That William Roffe assumed the duties of Evening reading room attendant on January 1, 1884.

Green, Miss H. E.

That Miss H. E. Green had been engaged for extra service on the Barton catalogue from Dec. 18. 1883 at 60 cents an hour.

Monthly bills. $9196.72

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury February 1, 1884 amounting as per cash book of this date to $9196.72. The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay roll $6151.02

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6151.02 is hereby specially approved.

Sabin, W. W. £8.8.6

The president reported that he had drawn on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of W. W. Sabin of London for £8.8.6 for invoice arrived.

Ordered, that the action of the president be approved.

Trübner £150.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros & Co. in favor of Messrs. N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £150. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Deuerlich M. 3549.24

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of G. Deuerlich of Göttingen for M. 3549.24.

Selee, Lucy C.

Ordered, That Miss Lucy C. Selee be allowed from Jan. 1, 1884 at $500. per annum.

Taff, Thomas.

Ordered, that Thomas Taff be allowed from January 15, 1884 at $182. per annum.

Paris, City of, gift to.

Ordered, that the Librarian, on consultation with the Committee on Books, be authorized to put into suitable bindings the works relating to the history of Boston and intended as a gift to the City of Paris.

Harris bequest to Chn branch $1000.00.

A communication from the executors of the late Thomas B. Harris dated January 8, 1884 in relation to a bequest of $1000. to the Charlestown branch library was referred to the President with full powers, in consultation with the Corporation council.

The President laid before the Board a com-

Bowditch, J. I. gift of $500.

munication from J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Esq., transmitting $500.00 for the purchase of mathematical works for the Bowditch Library, whereupon it was

Voted, that the thanks of the Trustees be communicated by the President to Mr. Bowditch.

Hubbard, D. G. special cards

Voted, to grant a special card to David G. Hubbard.

Adjourned

Melvin Chadwick

Clerk.

February 14, 1884.

Special meeting

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 2.30 P. M. to consider the estimates for the annual appropriation for the Library for the coming financial year.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke, and Haynes.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was deferred.

Estimates for annual appropriation for Library for coming year.

At the request of the City Auditor for the Trustees to furnish estimates, Mr. Greenough for the Committee on Finance reported the recommendation to ask for $120,000.00 distributed as shown below. Report accepted and adopted.

Adjourned

Melvin Chadwick

Clerk.

Estimates, 1884-85.

Binding,	$3,000.00
Books for main Library and branches and periodicals,	17,000.00
Catalogues,	5,000.00
Fuel,	3,000.00
Furniture, shelves, fixtures,	2,000.00
Gas,	5,000.00
Expenses, miscellaneous and general,	3,000.00
Printing and stationery,	4,000.00
Salaries,	76,000.00
Transportation, (postage &c.)	2,000.00
Total,	$120,000.00

Feby. 19, 1884.

February 19, 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke, Haynes and Lee.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of January 15 and February 14 were read and approved.

Whitten, C.V., elected Trustee

Lee, John H., do.

A communication was received from the City Clerk dated February 15, 1884, certifying to the election of Alderman Chas. V. Whitten and Councilman John H. Lee as Trustees of the Public Library for one year from the first Monday in January 1884 and until others are elected in their places.

Harris bequest $1000.00

The president said he had conferred with the Committee of the City Council on the Public Library who had reported in favor of the acceptance by the City of the Thomas B. Harris bequest of $1000.00 to the Charlestown branch, and the report had been adopted by the City Council.

Whyte T.M. resigns

The Librarian laid before the Board the resignation of Thomas M. Whyte, receiving clerk at the Bates Hall desk, to take effect March 1, 1884. Referred to the Committee on Administration.

Also, the applications of certain members of the Library force desiring appointment to the vacancy thus to be caused. Referred to the Committee on Administration.

Selee, L.C. resigns

He reported that Miss Lucy C. Selee left the catalogue service Feb. 12, 1884.

That Horace H. Burnham, L. H. runner left the service Feb. 16, 1884.

Anshelm, F.J.

That Florin J. Anshelm entered

the service as Bates Hall runner from Jan. 29, 1884 at $182 per annum. Subject to the approval of the Board.

McDonald, J.C.

That John C. Macdonald entered the service as Bates Hall runner from Feb. 11, 1884, at $ 182 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board.

He stated that the increased circulation at the Dorchester branch rendered the appointment of an additional regular assistant necessary. Referred to the Committee on Branches, who reported the name of Miss Lucy A. Watson at $400.00 per annum from Feb. 19, 1884. Nomination approved and appointment made.

Watson, Lucy A

Thayer, Miss C.C. works relating to Theodore Parker.

He stated that Miss Caroline C. Thayer had added to her former gifts, and subject to the same conditions, 40 volumes of works by and relating to Theodore Parker including many autograph letters, together with portraits and newspaper cuttings, all handsomely arranged and bound.

Voted, that the thanks of the Trustees be communicated to Miss C.C. Thayer for the valuable and interesting memorials of Theodore Parker, recently added to the Thayer collection.

Anshelm and McDonald.

Professor Haynes for the Committee on Administration reported the names of Florin J. Anshelm and John C. Macdonald as Bates Hall runners at $182. per annum each; from January 29 and February 11, respectively. Nominations approved and appointments made.

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury March 1, 1884,

Monthly bills $11,481.49

amounting as per cash book of this date to $11,481.49; The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay roll $6259.67

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6259.67 is hereby specially approved.

The president reported that he had drawn on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of E. G. Allen for £17.4.10 for the binding of the annual gift of the British Government of patent publications.

Allen £17.4.10

Ordered, that the action of the president be approved.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £150. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Trubner £150.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of Leopold Bossange for f. 2245.95 for invoices arrived.

Bossange f. 2245.95

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to transmit to Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. to be placed to the credit of the Trustees, sterling to the amount of $2500.00

Bal. of appn & Bowditch money $2500. put with Barings

Anshelm

Ordered, that Florin J. Anshelm be allowed from Jan. 29, 1884 at $182. per annum.

McDonald

Ordered, that John P. Macdonald be allowed from Feb. 11, 1884 at $182 per annum.

Watson, Lucy A.

Ordered, that Miss Lucy A. Watson be allowed from Feb. 19, 1884 at $400. per annum.

Miss Greenis compensation

Mr. Abbott called attention to the compensation received by Miss Green which was referred to the Committee on Books.

The president reported that the City Auditor had transferred to the next year the balance of the appropriation for the North End delivery and reading room.

Balance of N. End appn

The president appointed as the Committee on Finance for the present year Messrs. Abbott, Whitten and Lee.

Finance comtee

The letter of Mr. Norris of the East Boston High School asking for a door between the reading-room of the East Boston branch library and the corridor of the High School was laid before the Board and it was voted not expedient to grant the request.

Norris, J.O. request of.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Roxbury for the establishment of a delivery station at Grove Hall was referred to the Committee on Branches.

Grove Hall, petition for a delivery station

The letter of H. H. Edes, Esq., dated Feb. 14, 1884 in reference to the archives of Harvard Chapel was read and referred to the Librarian to consider and report.

Harvard Chapel archives.

Mr. Griffin's petition for increase of salary was referred to the Finance Committee.

Griffin, A.P.C.

Miss Louise A. Twickler was elected to the position to be vacated March 1 by Thomas M. Whyte at a salary at the rate of $260 per annum from that date.

Twickler, Louise

The president appointed Prof. Haynes as Chairman of the Examining Committee for the coming year, and the following gentlemen were nominated as the Committee

Haynes, H.W. chirman of Exam. Com.

C. H. Dalton, Esq.	T. S. Perry, Esq.
Robert Grant, Esq.	Hon. Chas. L. Randall
Rev. Brooke Herford, D.D.	Richard Sullivan, Esq.
E. J. Holmes, Esq.	Rev. A. S. Twombly, D.D.
Col. C. D. Wright.	

Exam. Com.

Ordered, that Miss A. A. Nichols

Nichols, A.A. allowance of vac.

be allowed four days vacation without loss of pay.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

March 18, 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Haynes and Whitten.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair

The records of the meeting of Feb. 19, 1884 were read and approved.

A communication dated Feb. 18, 1884 from the City Government was laid before the Trustees, accepting the bequest of $1000. made by the late Thomas B. Harris for the benefit of the Charlestown branch, and authorizing the Trustees to receive the same and to invest it in City of Boston water loan at four per cent. per annum, the income to be expended by them in purchasing books for the Charlestown branch. Read and ordered to be placed on file. Harris bequest.

The Librarian reported that Thomas M. Whyte left the service March 1, 1884 agreeably to his resignation previously reported, Whyte, T.M.

and that Louise A. Twickler had entered upon the duties of receiving clerk at the Bates Hall desk the same day. Twickler, L.A.

That Nellie Flint had been engaged as Lower Hall runner at $156 per annum from Feb. 26, 1884, subject to the approval of the Board. Flint, Nellie.

That George Hope had been engaged as Bates Hall runner from March 4, 1884 at $182 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board Hope, Geo.

That Wm. Federhen, runner in the entry department left the service Feb. 29, 1884, Federhen, W.

Applications for salary.

He laid before the Board several applications for increase of salary which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Hope, Geo.

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Administration nominated George Hope as Bates Hall runner. Nomination approved and appointment made.

Grove Hall delivery.

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Branches reported that at a meeting of this committee on Mar. 14, 1884, it was voted to recommend to the Board that the Librarian be authorized to open a delivery station at Grove Hall at an expense not to exceed $250. The question was recommitted to the Committee on Branches for further consideration.

Flint, Nellie

He also presented the name of Nellie Flint for Lower Hall runner, which nomination was accepted and the appointment was ordered.

Monthly bills $9689.28

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Apr. 1, 1884 amounting as per cash book of this date to $9689.28.

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay roll $6286.66

Ordered, that the pay roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6286.60 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £100

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. + Co. in favor of N. Trübner + Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Flint, Nellie

Ordered, that Nellie Flint be allowed at $156. per annum from Feb. 26, 1884

Hope, Geo.

Ordered, that George Hope be allowed at $182 per annum from March 4, 1884.

The president laid before the Board the following:

Boston, March 5, 1884.

Green, S.A. gift of $500.

William W. Greenough, Esq.,
President of the Board of Trustees
of the Boston Public Library:

Dear Sir: Enclosed you will find a check for five hundred dollars ($500.), which sum I present to your Board, to be added to the fund already given by me to your Corporation. It is my wish that the income arising from it should be spent in buying books relating to American history.

Very respectfully yours
[signed] Samuel A. Green

Voted, that the cordial thanks of the Trustees be tendered to Dr. Samuel A. Green for his generous gift to the Library of the sum of Five hundred dollars ($500.) to be added to the fund already established by him for the purchase of works relating to American history.

Voted, That the Trustees accept the gift.

Voted, that a copy of Dr. Green's letter informing the Board of his act be inserted as a part of this record, and that the president convey to him the assurance of the strong appreciation felt by the Board for this earnest proof of his interest in the Library

Carazo, Manuel

A communication was laid before the Board from Sr. D. Manuel Carazo, Under Secretary of State of the Republic of Costa Rica, transmitting as a gift to the Library 4 large octavo volumes relating to the history of Costa Rica.

Voted, that the thanks of the Trustees be returned to the donor of these interesting historical works.

Pike, Fannie W. allowance of vac.

The petition of Miss Fannie W. Pike, of the Dorchester branch for an allowance, on account of sickness, of one week's vacation without loss of pay was granted.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

April 15, 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke and Whitten.

The president Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of March 18, were read and approved.

Order relating to Election days

A communication from the City Government dated March 17, 1884 was laid before the Board ordering that until otherwise ordered all employes of the City qualified voters of the City of Boston be allowed time to vote without loss of pay at any election held for the choice of National, State, District, County or Municipal officers. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Hine, Edith C.

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Books nominated Miss Edith C. Hine as an assistant in the catalogue room from March 31st 1884 at a salary at the rate of $500. per annum. Nomination approved and appointment made.

Monthly bills $10405.63

Mr. Whitten from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury May 1, 1884, amounting as per cash book of this date to $10405.63

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6320.84

Ordered that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6320.84 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £23.12.10

Ordered that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros., & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co., for £23.12.10 in addition to the amount authorized at the last meeting — £100. — for invoices arrived.

Ordered that the president be

authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next regular meeting of the Board.

Trübner £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of G. Deuerlich of Göttingen for M. 591.35

Deuerlich M. 591.35

Ordered that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of B. F. Stevens for £0.19.10 for the London Gazette from 1704-1708.

Stevens for London Gazette £0.19.10

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of James Bulgin for $8.75 for periodicals published in China.

Bulgin, James $8.75

Ordered, that Miss Edith C. Nine be allowed from March 31, 1884 at $500. per annum.

Nine, E.C.

Ordered that the Librarian be authorized to contract for shelving for the Roxbury branch at an expense not exceeding $225.

Shelving at Rox $225.00

Ordered, that the Librarian enquire and report as to the expense of setting up a delivery station at Grove Hall.

Grove Hall, proposed delivery

The Librarian reported that John C. Mac Donald, B.H. runner left the service March 31, 1884.

Mc Donald runner

That he had engaged Miss Edith C. Nine for the catalogue department from March 31 at $500. per annum, subject to the approval of the Board.

Nine, E.C.

That the books intended as a gift from the City of Boston to the City of Paris had been bound and he submitted them for the inspection of the Board.

Paris, gift to

He laid before the Board a letter from Abbott Lawrence, Esq., dated March

24, 1884, enclosing a cheque for $190. as a gift to the Library and intended for the payment for a lot of interesting and valuable broadsides relating to the early history of Massachusetts.

Lawrence, Abbott gift of $190.

Voted that the thanks of the Board be conveyed to Mr. Lawrence, for this timely and generous gift.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to transmit to Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. the annual interest upon the trust funds belonging to the Library and amounting to the sum of $6925.00 the same to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

Income from trust funds $6925.00

The president laid before the Board a communication from Messrs. Estes and Lauriat dated April 12, 1884 in relation to the importation by the Library of an alleged infringement upon their copyright edition of Duruy's History of Rome, but no action was taken.

Estes & Lauriat

alleged infringement on copyright of Duruy's Rome

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

May 5, 1884.

Monday May 5, 1884.

Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present Messrs. Greenough, Chase and Haynes.

Haynes, H. W. Trustee for 5 yrs

The Clerk read a communication from the City Clerk certifying to the election of Henry W. Haynes as a Trustee of the Public Library for five years from the first Monday in May 1884. Ordered to be placed on file.

Chamberlain, M. chosen clerk

Mellen Chamberlain the clerk, called to order.

Greenough, W. W. Elected president

W. W. Greenough was elected president and took the chair.

Clerk chosen

Mellen Chamberlain was chosen clerk and took the oath of office as appears by the following certificate:

Suffolk, ss. May 5, 1884.

Then personally appeared the above named Mellen Chamberlain and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of Clerk of the Corporation

Before me
Wm W. Greenough.
Justice of the Peace.

By laws to remain in force.

Ordered that the By-laws of the last year remain in force until others are adopted in their stead.

Librarian chosen.

Mellen Chamberlain was unanimously elected Librarian.

Committees.

The following Committees were appointed by the President:

Administration

Messrs. Chase, Haynes and Whitten.

Books.

Messrs. Haynes, Abbott, Chase and Clarke.

Branches.

Messrs. Clarke, Abbott and Lee.

Finance.

Messrs. Abbott, Lee and Whitten.

Adjourned
Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

May 20, '84

May 20, 1884.

The regular meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.00 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Chase, Clarke, Greenough and Haynes.

The president Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of April 15 and of the annual meeting, May 5, were read and approved

Monthly bills $ 11278.63

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury June 1, 1884 amounting as per cash book of this date to $ 11278.63

The bills having been duly Examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6441.59

Ordered that the pay roll included in the requisition and amounting to $ 6441.59 is hereby specially approved

Trübner £ 150.

Ordered that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £ 150.

Paper

The consumption of paper by the Library was referred to Mr. Chase to consider and report

Harvard chapel archives

The Librarian reported on the archives of Harvard Chapel, in Charlestown, that in his judgment the Trustees should decline to receive them and that they should be put into the custody of the Harvard Church. Report accepted and it was ordered in conformity.

Grove Hall, proposed delivery

He further reported that the parties interested in the subject of a delivery station at Grove Hall had failed to appoint a time for a conference, although they had been requested to do so.

Roxbury shelving $200.

That agreeably to the authority of the Board given April 15, 1884, he had contracted for shelving at the Roxbury branch at the expense of $200.

Dillaway in reference to a library acquired by Fellowes Ath.

A communication dated May 19, 1884 was received from Chas. K. Dillaway transmitting a vote of the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum at their annual meeting, notifying the Trustees of the Public Library that the Fellowes Athenaeum has recently acquired about 7000 volumes and calling attention to the need of shelving and other accommodations necessary to render these books accessible and useful to the public, whereupon it was

Same.

Voted, that the president of the Board be requested to inform the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum that the Trustees of the Public Library have considered their request and find themselves unable to comply with it.

Bindery employes vacation granted

Voted that the Employes in the Bindery be allowed one week's leave of absence for the present year without loss of pay.

Branch attendants allowed time for summer

Ordered that the Branch librarians may arrange the hours of service for the months of June July and August of the present year, so that the female employes may have in turn one forenoon a week, provided however, that this privilege shall not be allowed when the service requires attendance.

L. H. and branches to close early

Ordered, that the Lower Hall, Branches and reading-room be closed one hour earlier than usual beginning Monday June 2 and ending Saturday Aug. 30, 1884.

Pay-roll 1884-5

The following was adopted as the Pay-roll for 1884-85.

	Chamberlain, M.	$4000.00
	Whitney, J. L.	2500.00
	Knapp, A. M.	2000.00
	Carret, J. F.	2000.00
	Foster, W. H.	1800.00
	Griffin, A. P. C.	1600.00
	Ford, W. E.	1500.00
	Swift, L.	1000.00
	Gray, L. F.	900.00 Day, 300.00 Evening
	Adams, W. F.	900.00
	Pike, H. N.	900.00
	Nichols, A. A.	900.00
	Fuller, E. D.	900.00
	Hunt, E. B.	650.00
	McGrath, M. E.	600.00
	Knowles, L. F.	600.00
	Reed, E. T.	650.00
	Osgood, M. F.	600.00
	Blake, H. C.	600.00
	Burnell, K.	600.00
	White, John	600.00
	Roffe, Wm.	600.00 day 300.00 Evng
	Miller, A. C.	550.00
	Porée, A. M.	550.00
	Dame, A. R.	550.00
	Browne, Alice	550.00
	Blaisdell, F. C.	550.00
	Monahan, Wm.	500.00
	Young, M. L.	500.00
	Doyle, M.	450.00
	Richards, F.	350.00
	Morrison, J.	350.00
	Murphy, J. F.	208.00
	White, B. S.	208.00

Pay-roll 1884-5

	Keefe, J. F.	$208.00
	Walsh, W. A.	208.00
	McLaughlin, E. P.	182.00
	Taff, Thomas.	182.00
	Anselm, F. J.	182.00
	Hope, G. W.	182.00
	Eastman, R. M. 45c an hour av.	375.00
	Green, H. E. 60 an hour, av.	1067.00
Lower Hall	Tiffany, E.	1500.00
	Robinson, W. F.	1000.00
	Cummings, J. H.	1000.00
	Jenkins, M. A.	700.00
	Porée, C. E.	600.00
	Mack, E. J.	550.00
	Mack, J. A.	550.00
	Kennedy, A. M.	500.00
	Shea, A. G.	350.00
	Twickler, L. A.	350.00
	Sheridan, M. C.	208.00
	Briggs, Rebecca	208.00
	Twickler, J. C.	208.00
	McGrath, C. A.	156.00
	Tisdale, J. E.	300.00
	Flint, H. M.	156.00
	Burley, Edith	156.00
	Nurenberg, Esther	156.00
	Butler, John,	260
	Day, William	10¢ an hour
	Innes, Charles	10¢ an hour
	Jones, C.	10¢ an hour
	Reardon, John	10¢ an hour
	Rollins, F.	10¢ an hour
	Young, H. D.	10¢ an hour
Bindery	Blake, A. M.	1200.00
	Sanford, P. B.	1040.00
	Sampson, W. F.	1000.00
	Ryder, F.	1000.00

Pay-roll 1884-5

	Signere, A.	$780.00
	Hemstead, W.	780.00
	Macconnel S.	362.00
	Wheeler, M.	494.00
	Moriarty, M. G.	494.00
	Bowen, S. E.	494.00
	Dumas, Sarah	390.00
	Morton, M. G.	364.00
	Roslund, M.	208.00
East Boston	Godbold, S. C.	700.00
	Hosea, G. H.	600.00
	Pray, M. R.	500.00
	Wing, A. M.	500.00
	Cathcart, M. E.	350.00
	Extra	360.00
South Boston	Bullard, N. J	700.00
	Baker, Jos.	600.00
	Eaton, E. A.	600.00
	Davis, Emma	500.00
	Sampson, Ida	450.00
	Watson, Mary	350.00
	Extra	300.00
Roxbury	Bunker, Sarah	700.00
	Curtis, Chas R.	700.00
	Bradley, Mary	500.00
	Puffer, Dora	450.00
	Bell, H. M.	450.00
	Berry, E. C.	300.00
	Extra	275.00
Charlestown	Carlée, C. S.	1000.00
	Smith, Thos. E.	300.00
	Eberle, A. E.	500.00
	Swain, M. P.	500.00
	Willoughby, A.	156.00
	Extra,	560.00
Brighton	Brock, M. E.	600.00
	Brock, J. M.	500.00
	Grailey, M. F.	350.00
	Extra	85.00

Pay-roll 1884-5

Dorchester	Coffin, M. G.	$700.00
	Davenport, E.	400.00
	Sheridan, J.	500.00
	Pike, F. W.	400.00
	Watson, L. A.	400.00
Lower Mills	Thèe, M. A.	100.00
	Extra	300.00
Mattapan	Atkinson, H. L.	125.00
Neponset	Powars, G. E.	125.00
South End	DeBorges, G. A.	700.00
	Morse, M. M.	550.00
	Sheridan, Marg. A.	550.00
	Arkinson, Mary	182.00
	Extra	232.00
Jamaica Plain	Barton, A. J.	550.00
	Johnson, T.	300.00
	Riley, N. F.	500.00
	Extra	260.00
Roslindale	Otis, Robert M.	83.33
West Rox.	Hibbard, Annie	100.00
	Davis, J. M.	25.00
North End	Davis, E. R.	700.00
	Mooney, M. E.	300.00
	Fleming, J. F.	300.00
	Extra	25.00

Ordered, that Miss A. A. Nichols be granted leave of absence for three months, she providing a suitable substitute at her own expense. Nichols, A. A. granted leave of absence

Ordered, that the Librarian be directed to cancel the order for Duruy's Rome, and return the parts already received, the same appearing to be an infringement of an American copyright on the translation thereof. Duruy's Rome

Adjourned,

Nellie Chamberlain
Clerk.

June 19, 1884

June 19, 1884

The Corporation met at 3. p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of May 20, were read and approved.

June 17, July 4 and Sept. 17 holidays.

Communications from the City Government, dated June 9, 1884, were received, ordering that in part compensation for their services all employes of the City of Boston, except those employed in the Police and Fire departments be allowed holidays without loss of pay on June 17, July 4 and September 17.

same

That the City Hall and departments be closed on the 17 June.

same

That flags be displayed on the public building and grounds on the seventeenth day of September next, and that the offices in City Hall and other departments be closed at 12 o'clock, noon, on that day, where it can be done without public detriment.

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Monthly bills $8823.12

Mr. Haynes for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury July 1, 1884 amounting as per cash book of this date to $8823.12

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay roll $6393.75

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6393.75 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £2.4.2

The president reported that he had drawn on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £2. 4. 2 in excess of the amount authorized at the last meeting, viz. £150.

Ordered, that the action of the president be approved.

Trübner £114.14.4

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner for an amount not exceeding £114. 14. 4 for invoices arrived.

Trübner £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Deuerlich M. 4289.43

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of G. Deuerlich of Göttingen for M. 4289.43 for invoices arrived.

Bossange 1795.85 fr.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of Léopold Bossange for 1795.85 francs for invoices arrived.

Clarke & Carruth, contract

Ordered, that the Librarian prepare and submit the draft of a contract with Messrs. Clarke and Carruth for the purchase of books for the Library.

N. E. branch alterations

Ordered, that the Librarian, after obtaining the requisite permission and consulting with the Superintendent of Public Buildings cause the westerly rooms on the lower floor of the Hancock School house to be fitted up for the North End delivery station.

Ginn & Heath in relation to Chron. Index and Catalogue notes

The letter of Messrs. Ginn and Heath proposing to republish the Chronological Index of Historical Fiction and the catalogue notes on English History was read, and the Librarian was instructed to inform them that the Trustees propose to issue a new edition of each.

Ordered that the early map of the

Map of Eastern Mass. disposition of fac-simile copies.

eastern part of Massachusetts, photographed by the order and at the expense of the Trustees from the original discovered by Mr. H. F. Waters in the Sloane collection of the British Museum be disposed of as follows:

a copy to the Historical Society, to the Bostonian Society, to the New England Historic-genealogical Society, to the State library and to Harvard College library.

Porée, A. M. services dispensed with.

Ordered, that the clerk notify Mrs A. M. Porée that her services will not be required after August. 1.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

July 15, 1884

There being no quorum of the Trustees present the meeting was adjourned by the Clerk to July 22d at 3 p. m. — No quorum.

July 22, 1884 — July 22, '84

The Corporation met pursuant to adjournment in the Trustees' room at 3 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke, Haynes and Whitten

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of June 19 and July 15 were read and approved.

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Administration reported the name of Chas. F. Perkins as a Bates Hall runner from July 14, 1884 at $182 per annum. Nomination approved and appointment made. — Perkins, Chas F.

Mr. Whitten from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Aug. 1, 1884 amounting as per cash book of this date to $ 9254.55. The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board. — Monthly bills $9254.55

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6292.63 is hereby specially approved. — Pay-roll $6292.63

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board. — Trübner £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to request Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. to place with their agent in Florence £100. to the credit of Signorina Giulia Albèry. — Albèry £100

Ordered, that Chas. F. Perkins

be allowed at $182. per annum from July 14, 1884.

Wells, A.G. no objection to increasing leave

Ordered, that the Clerk notify the Police Commissioners that the Trustees of the Public Library have no objection to officer A. G. Wells having an additional week's vacation.

Green, H. E. services completed.

The Librarian reported that Miss H. E. Green left the service on July 1, she having completed the special work for which she was engaged upon the Barton catalogue, which is now ready for the printer,

Perkins, C. F.

That Charles F. Perkins had been engaged as a Bates Hall runner from July 14, 1884 at $182 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board.

Blake, H.C. resigns.

He laid before the Board the resignation of Miss H. C. Blake to take effect Aug. 1, 1884.

On motion of Mr. Chase it was

Blake H.C. leave granted

Ordered that Miss H. C. Blake be granted two months leave of absence without pay.

Examining Committee's report appendix to, in relation to decease of E. J. Holmes

Voted, that the chairman of the Examining Committee be authorized to append to the report of the Committee the following:

"The Examining Committee wish to put "on record an expression of their sense "of the loss the Public Library has sustained "by the sudden and untimely death of "Mr. Edward J. Holmes, by whom this report "was written. His faithful and laborious "service in the careful study of the work-"ing of this great institution in all its "minutest details is apparent from the "document itself; and it was confident

"ly expected that the Library would have "had the benefit of his continued interest "in it. His last work on earth was to "make the final corrections in the proof "of this report"

Exam. Com. Report to be considered

Mr. Chase gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he would call up the report of the Examining Committee for consideration.

Adjourned

Nelson Chamberlain
Clerk.

Aug. 19, 1884

Aug. 19. 1884

The regular monthly meeting was announced for this date but a quorum failing to appear, it was adjourned to Thursday Aug. 21, 1884.

No quorum

Aug. 21, 1884

Aug. 21, 1884.

An adjourned meeting was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke and later, Lee.

The president Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of July 15 and 22 were read and approved.

Gould, Ida W.

Mr. Chase from the Committee on books presented the name of Miss Ida W. Gould as an assistant in the catalogue room at $500. per annum from July 25, 1884; also the name of H. W. Kent as temporary assistant in the catalogue room for the month of August at $40. Recommendations severally approved and the appointment of the persons named was ordered.

Kent, H. W.

Harrisse, Henry presents a fac simile map.

The president laid before the Board a fac-simile map made at the expense of M. Henry Harrisse of Paris and presented by him to the Public Library entitled "Fragment du planisphère envoyé de Lisbonne à Hercule d'Este, duc de Ferrare avant Nov. 19, 1502" whereupon it was Voted, that the president convey to Mr. Harrisse the special thanks of the Board for his interesting and valuable gift.

Monthly bills

$9635.68

Mr. Chase for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Sept. 1, 1884, amounting as per cash book of this date to $9635.68; the bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered, that the pay-roll included

in the requisition and amounting to $6359.43 is hereby specially approved.

Pay roll $6359.43

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Trübner £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of B. F. Stevens of London for an amount not exceeding £20. 15. 7 for invoices arrived and to arrive.

Stevens £20.15.7

Ordered that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Edward G. Allen for £12. 3. 0. for bindings for the annual gift from the Royal Commissioners of Patents.

Allen £12.3.0

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Léopold Bossange for 689.60 fr. for invoice arrived.

Bossange 689.60 fr.

Ordered that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros & Co. in favor of G. Deuerlich for an amount not 2171.74 M. for invoice arrived.

Deuerlich M. 2171.74

Ordered, that Miss Ida W. Gould be allowed from July 25, 1884 at $500. per annum

Gould, Ida W.

Ordered, that H. W. Kent be allowed for the month of August at $40.

Kent, H. W.

The Librarian reported that Miss A. M. Porée left the service July 31st.

Porée, A. M.

That Miss Ida W. Gould had been employed as an assistant in the catalogue room from July 25 at $500. per annum, subject to the approval of the Board

Gould

That he had employed H. W. Kent in the catalogue room for the month of

Kent

August at $40. subject to the approval of the Board.

Bradley, Mary resigns

He presented the resignation of Miss Mary Bradley, head assistant at the Roxbury branch to take effect Sept. 1, 1884.

North End branch, additional room provided

He reported that by an arrangement with the School Committee an additional room on the eastderly side of the hall in the Hancock School had been assigned for the use of the North End delivery station and the necessary changes are now being made to fit it for the public.

New building 20 plans recd

That on or before the 1st of August there were received in the Trustees' room twenty sets of plans in response to the circular issued by the City inviting competitive drawings for the new library building.

E. Boston closed for repairs

That the East Boston branch was closed Aug. 15 in order that the changes required to adapt the building to the uses of the High School might be made.

Baird, S. F. granted use of ** book

Ordered, that the request of Prof. S. F. Baird to take from the Library certain parts of the unfinished serial publication entitled Biologia Centrali-Americana be granted.

Exam. Com. Report, consideration deferred

The consideration of the report of the Examining Committee assigned for this meeting was deferred and the subject was laid on the table.

New building Trustees requested to Examine

Ordered, that a notice be sent to each of the Trustees requesting him to Examine the plans for the new library building so as to be prepared at some time agreed upon for the discussion of their respective merits.

Same, technical assistance to be asked for

Voted, that the president be requested to communicate with the Mayor and City Council, asking that provision be made to enable the Trustees to employ such technical assistance

as may be necessary in their work of Examining and reporting upon the plans submitted for the new library building.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk

Sept. 16, 1884.

September 16, 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke and Whitten.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Aug. 19 and 21 were read and approved.

New building

The president stated in regard to the plans for the new library building that he would defer consulting with the Mayor until the Examination had proceeded further.

Monthly bills $8762.17

Mr. Whitten from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Oct. 1, 1884, amounting as per cash book of this date to $8762.17; the bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6341.14

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6341.14 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £100

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Allen £9.6.0

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Mr. Edw. G. Allen for £9.6.0. for binding British patent specifications.

Bell, H. M. salary inc

Ordered, that the salary of Miss Helen M. Bell of the Roxbury Branch be at the rate of $500. per annum from Sept. 1, 1884.

Ordered, that the salary of Miss

Lizzie C. Berry of the Roxbury branch be at the rate of $450 per annum from Sept. 1, 1884. — Berry, L.C. salary inc.

Ordered, that Miss Helen R. Crowell be allowed as a regular assistant at the Roxbury branch from Sept. 1, 1884 at $300. per an. — Crowell, H.R.

The president laid before the Board a communication dated Aug. 22d 1884 from Mr. John Noble embodying the annual report of the Trustees of the Treadwell estate. Referred to the Committee on Finance. — Treadwell es-tate.

Bradley, M. resigns

The Librarian reported that agreeably to her resignation previously reported to the Board, Miss Mary Bradley, head assistant at the Roxbury branch left the service September 1 and he recommended that Miss Helen M. Bell be advanced to the position thus vacated; that Miss Lizzie C. Berry be advanced to Miss Bell's old position and that Miss Helen R. Crowell, at present a substitute, be made a regular assistant to fill the vacancy to be caused by Miss Berry's promotion, all these changes to date from Sept. 1, 1884. Recommendations approved and the changes ordered.

Bell, H. M., Berry, L.C. promoted Crowell, H.R.

Barton cat. ready for printer.

He stated that the second portion of the Barton catalogue was now ready for the printer, whereupon it was

Same, ordered to be printed.

Ordered, that the second portion of the Barton catalogue be printed, the number of copies to be determined hereafter.

E. Boston, still closed. N. End, also closed.

He further reported that the East Boston branch remained closed for repairs and that the North End branch was closed Aug. 29, for alterations.

Mooney Mary

That Miss Mary Mooney of the North End branch was away on account of sickness and that her sister Catherine Mooney was filling her position. Referred to the Committee on Branches.

Mooney, Catherine

Box from corner stone of reservoir. Put in Safe Mch 11, 85

He laid before the Board the box which was deposited under the corner-stone of the Hancock street reservoir in 1847, and it was laid on the table.

Adams, W. F. granted vacation

The petition of W. F. Adams, night watchman, for one week's leave of absence without loss of pay was granted.

Riley, Nellie F. granted leave.

The petition of Miss Nellie F. Riley of the Jamaica Plain branch library for leave of absence without pay was granted, the time not to exceed four weeks.

Adjourned.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Oct. 14, 1884.

Oct. 14. 1884

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke & Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meeting of Sept. 16 was deferred.

Barton catalogue

Prof. Haynes called attention to the Barton catalogue in respect to annotations. No action was taken.

Voted, to adjourn to Tuesday Oct. 21, at 3 p.m.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday Oct. 21, 1884.

Oct. 21, 1884

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase and Clarke.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of Sept. 16 were read and approved.

Anshelm, F. J.

The Librarian reported that Florin J. Anshelm left the service as a Bates Hall runner on the 30th August but reengaged as an evening runner in the Lower Hall.

Walsh, W. A.

That William A. Walsh, runner in the catalogue room left the service Aug. 30, 1884.

Reardon, J. H.

That he had transferred John H. Reardon, an evening runner in the Lower Hall to Bates Hall as a regular runner from Sept. 1, at $182 per annum. Subject to the approval of the Board.

Rigg, Richd T.

That he had engaged Richard T. Rigg as a Bates Hall runner from Sept. 6

at $182. per annum, Subject to the approval of Board.

Hibbard, Anne — He presented the resignation of Miss Annie Hibbard, custodian at West Roxbury, to take effect Oct 31, and he recommended the appointment of

Richards, Julia W. — Julia W. Richards to her place.

Recommendation accepted and Miss Richards was appointed from Nov. 1, 1884.

E. Boston and N. End reopened — He reported that the East Boston and North End branches which had been closed for repairs and alterations as previously reported were opened to the public on Oct. 6 and Oct 2 respectively.

Otis R. M. — He made a verbal statement in relation to certain charges against the custodian at the Roslindale delivery station and the matter was referred to the Committee on Branches.

Bowditch, J. I. — The president laid before the Board the following communication addressed to J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Esq.:-

"At a meeting of the
"President and Fellows of Harvard College
"in Boston, September 23, 1884.

Laplace's Mécanique céleste. — "At the request of the children of the late "Dr. Nathaniel Bowditch it was

"Voted to place in the care of the City of Bos-"ton, as a deposit, revocable at the pleasure of the "President and Fellows of Harvard College, in "the Bowditch Library the translation of Laplace's "Mécanique Céleste which was bequeathed to the "College by Dr. Bowditch, provided that the City "of Boston shall agree to receive the same upon "the terms herein named.

"A true copy of Record
"Attest
[signed] "E. W. Hooper
"Secy."

"To J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Esq

Whereupon it was

Voted to receive the translation of Laplace's Mécanique Céleste on the terms named in the foregoing communication.

Employes to address whole board, in writing — Ordered that the employes of the Public Library desiring an increase of salary or any special privilege not within the power of the librarian to grant, instead of making a personal application, shall address a communication in writing to that effect to the Board of Trustees.

Hunt, E. B. for salary — He laid before the Board the application of Mr. Edward B. Hunt for increase of salary which was referred to the Committee on Books.

Reardon, J. H. — Rigg, R. T. — Mr. Chase from the Committee on Administration presented the names of John H. Reardon and Richard T. Rigg as Bates Hall runners from Sept. 1 and Sept. 6 respectively, at $182. each, per annum. Nominations approved and appointments ordered.

Monthly bills $10107.63 — Mr. Chase, for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Nov. 1, 1884, amounting as per cash book of this date to $10107.63. The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board

Pay-roll $6137.23 — Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6137.23 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £100 — Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Reardon $182 — Ordered, that John H. Reardon be allowed from Sept. 1, at $182 per annum.

Rigg $182 — Ordered, that Richard T. Rigg be allowed from Sept. 6 at $182 per annum.

Richards $100 — Ordered, that Miss Julia W. Richards be allowed at $100. per annum from Nov. 1, 1884,

Barton catalogue.

Voted, that the edition of the second portion of the Barton catalogue shall consist of 100 copies in quarto and 500 copies in octavo.

Adjourned to Thursday Oct. 23d at 3 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Oct. 23, 1884.
Adj. meeting

Thursday Oct. 23d 1884.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke, Haynes and later Whitten and Lee.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meetings of Oct. 14 and 21 was deferred.

New building plans of

The discussion of the plans for the new library building was taken up but no definite conclusion was reached.

The further consideration of the plans was assigned to Wednesday Oct. 29, at 3 p.m. to which time the Board adjourned.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Wednesday Oct. 29, 1884.

Oct. 29, 1884
Adjourned meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke, Haynes and Lee.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

New library plans of

The consideration of the plans for the new library building was renewed and it was

Corporation Counsel consulted.

Ordered, that the president of the Board of Trustees be requested to obtain the written opinion of the Corporation Counsel, as to the interpretation of the requirements on the competition for plans of the new library building and of the responsibility of the Trustees under any award made by them beyond the literal wording of the specification.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Nov. 5, 1884.

Nov. 5, 1884
Special meeting
New Library plans

A special meeting to consider the plans was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Haynes and Clarke.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

Corporation Counsel, opinion of.

Mr. Greenough reported that he had conferred with Corporation Counsel and that he had received the following communication from him:

"Corporation Counsel's Office,
"2 Pemberton Square.
"Boston Oct. 31, 1884.

"Hon. W. W. Greenough
"Prest. Board of Trustees of Public Library
"Sir:

Corporation Counsel, opinion of.

"Referring to the order of the Board of Trustees passed Oct. 29th requesting my opinion upon "certain matters therein referred to, I have been unable "to find that the Board has any authority to make awards "for plans for the new library building. If I am wrong "in this I shall be glad to be referred to the order giving such authority, if there be no authority in the matter, there can be no occasion "to interpret the requirements on the competition for plans, "nor to consider the question of the liability of the Trustees.

"Very respectfully

[signed] "E.P. Nettleton

"Corporation Counsel"

After some further discussion the Board

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk

Nov. 17, 1884.

Nov. 17, 1884

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Oct. 14, Oct. 21, Oct. 23d, Oct 29th and Nov. 5th were read and approved.

Hibbard, Anne

The Librarian reported that Miss Ann Hibbard, custodian at West Roxbury had left that service on Oct. 31, 1884 agreeably to her resignation reported at the last meeting of the Board, and that he had engaged her, upon trial, in the catalogue-room from Nov. 1, 1884, at $500. per annum; subject to the approval of the Board.

Richards, Julia W.

That Miss Richards had entered upon her duties as Custodian at West Roxbury on Nov. 1, 1884 at $100. per annum.

Flint, E. M.

That Ellen M. Flint, Lower Hall runner left the service on Nov. 1, 1884, and that he had engaged Eleanor Briggs in her place at $156. per annum from Nov. 3, 1884.

Briggs, Eleanor.

Laplace's Méc. Céleste

That the translation of La Place's Mécanique Céleste had been received and was ready for the inspection of the Trustees.

Ludwig-Salvator gift.

He laid before the Board two volumes on the Balearic Islands, presented to the Library by the Archduke Ludwig Salvator, whereupon it was

Voted, that the special thanks of the Trustees be sent to His Imperial Highness the Archduke Ludwig Salvator for his sumptuous gift.

Roslindale, discontinued

Ordered, that the Roslindale delivery station be discontinued.

Briggs, E.

Dr. Clarke from the Committee on Branches presented the name of Eleanor Briggs for Lower Hall runner from Nov. 3 at $156. per annum.

Hibbard, Anne

Prof. Haynes from the Committee on Books presented the name of Miss Ann Hibbard as temporary assistant in the catalogue room from Nov. 1, 1884 at $500. per annum.

Both these nominations were approved and the appointments of the persons named were ordered.

Monthly bills: $11471.77

Mr. Chase, for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Dec. 1, 1884 amounting as per cash book of this date to $11471.77. The bills having been duly Examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6242.46.

Ordered, that the pay roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6242.46 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £27.12.8

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £27.12.8 for invoices arrived.

Trubner £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Denerlich Mark 2467.74

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of G. Denerlich for M. 2467.74 for invoices arrived.

Denerlich Mark 378.50

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of G. Denerlich for M. 378.50 for invoice of Tauchnitz books to arrive.

Bossange fr. 2248.20

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of L. Bossange for fr. 2248.20 for invoice arrived.

Allen, £9.6.0

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of E. G. Allen for £9.6. for bindings for British patent specifications.

Hibbard, Anne

Ordered, that Miss Ann Hibbard be allowed from Nov. 1, 1884 at $500. per annum.

Richards, J.W.

Ordered, that Miss Julia W. Richards be allowed at $100. per annum from Nov. 1, 1884.

Briggs, Eleanor

Ordered, that Eleanor Briggs be allowed from Nov. 3 at $156. per annum.

Temporary residents, privileges to.

Ordered, that the Librarian may grant temporary cards to students intending to reside in the City for not less than six months.

Corporation seal.

The subject of a Corporation seal was considered and recommitted to the Committee having the matter in charge.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Dec. 16, 1884.

Dec. 16, 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs Greenough, Clarke, Haynes and later Abbott.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of Nov. 17 were read and approved.

Paris, gift from

also request from.

A communication from the Mayor's Clerk was received transmitting a letter from the Préfet de la Seine, giving advice of certain documents of the City of Paris to be presented to the Public Library, and requesting that some lacking publications of the City may be collected and forwarded for the municipal library of the City of Paris. Referred to the Committee on Books with full powers.

Roslindale

Several petitions for the reestablishment of the Roslindale delivery station and the reinstatement of Ro. M. Otis as custodian were received and referred to the Committee on Branches.

Police officers wanted

The Librarian was requested to communicate with the Police Commissioners in relation to securing an officer for the Central department and one for the South End branch.

Monthly bills $9275.95

Prof. Haynes for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Jany 1, 1885 amounting as per cash book of this date to $9275.95; the bills having been duly Examined were approved by the Board.

Pay roll $6283.37

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6283.37 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before

the next meeting of the Board.

Expenditure for books.

Mr. Greenough called attention to the expenditure for books and the subject was referred to the Committee on Books to consider and report.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk

January 7, 1885.

January 7, 1885

Commission on the prizes

A special meeting of the Commission on the Award of Prizes for Plans for the new Library Building was held in the Trustees' room at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke, Haynes, Whitten, and the City Architect, Mr. Vinal.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

Authority of the Commission

The communication from the City Government, dated January 3, 1885, was received, ordering that the Trustees of the Public Library together with the City Architect be authorized to award the prizes for the plans for the new library building. Ordered to be placed on file.

Corporation counsel on plans.

A communication dated Jan. 7, 1885, was also received from the Corporation Counsel as to plans in respect to double entrance. On motion of Mr. Chase it was accepted and placed on file.

Adjourned to Tuesday Jan. 13 at 7.00 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

January 13, 1885.

Commission on the prizes

January 13, 1885.

An adjourned meeting of the Commission on the Award of Prizes for Plans for the new Library building was held in the Barton Library at 7 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke, Haynes Whitten and Vinal.

Van Brunt, H. letter from

A letter from Henry Van Brunt, dated January 10, 1885 was received suggesting that "two awards "might be made, one without prizes, setting forth the order "of the four best designs, whether they have adhered "strictly to the conditions of the programme or not; and the "other with prizes giving the order of merit under those con-"ditions".

The suggestion therein was not adopted and the letter was ordered to be placed on the Trustees' files.

Award of prizes:

The Commission then proceeded to award the prizes.

$4000.00 to Chas. B. Atwood.

The first prize of Four thousand dollars ($4000.) was unanimously awarded to the plan bearing the device of a gilt triangle inscribed in a red circle, and surrounded by concentric circles, with the motto "Audaces fortuna juvat", which was made by Charles B. Atwood, 366, W. 106th street, New York City, or East Orange, New Jersey.

$3,000.00 to O'Grady & Zerrahn

The second prize of Three thousand dollars ($3000.) was awarded to the plan bearing the device which was made by O'Grady and Zerrahn, 68, Devonshire street, Boston.

$2000.00 to C. S. Luce

The third prize of Two thousand dollars ($2000.) was awarded to the plan bearing the device of a ring serpent and a cipher of the letters C. S. L. which was made by Clarence S. Luce, 28, West 23d street, New York City, whose interest in the prize is assigned.

$1000.00 to H. F. Burr

The fourth prize of One thousand dollars ($1000.) is awarded to the plan bearing the motto "One way", which was made by Horace F. Burr, 60, Devonshire street, Boston.

Voted, that in transmitting the award to the City

Recommendation as to suitability of prize plans.

Council the Chairman of the Commission accompany it by a statement that in the opinion of the Commission no one of the plans is suitable to build upon.

Commissions acts confidential

Voted, that the actions of the Commission are to be regarded as strictly confidential.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

January 20, 1885

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1885.

The regular meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke, Haynes and later Chase.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the regular meeting of the Corporation, held Dec. 16, 1884, and of the meetings of the Commission on the award of prizes for competitive plans for the new library building, consisting of the Trustees and the City Architect, Mr. Vinal, held Jan. 7, and Jan. 13, 1885, were read and approved.

Auditor's estimates requested.

The president laid before the Board a communication dated January 16, 1885, from the City Auditor, requesting to be furnished on or before the 15th proximo with a detailed statement of the amount of money deemed necessary for the maintenance of the Public Library for the coming financial year; also, an estimate of the income to be paid into the City Treasury. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Appleton, N. gift

He also laid before the Board a letter dated Dec. 16, 1884 from Capt. Nathan Appleton, presenting a bust of the late Thomas Gold Appleton, on behalf of himself, Mr. Charles Appleton Longfellow, Miss Eva Mackintosh and Angus Mackintosh; at the same time, the president stated that the bust was received on Dec. 23, 1884, whereupon it was

Appleton, T.G. bust of.

Voted, that the president be requested to make suitable return of thanks for the gift.

Salaries to be considered by the board

Voted, that the subject of salaries be considered in committee of the whole Board.

Roxbury, shelving, com. from H.W. Putnam.

A communication dated Jan. 10, 1885 was received from Mr. H. W. Putnam, on behalf of the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, giving $1200.00 as the estimate of the cost for additional shelving at the Roxbury branch, made necessary by their purchase of the books of the Roxbury Athenæum, and offering to share the expense with the

City. Referred to the Committee on Administration.

Chase, Edith L.

Miss Edith L. Chase's request for the replacement of her special card was granted, she to wait one month from the date of its loss.

Roslindale.

Certain additional communications relating to the re-establishment of the Roslindale delivery station were received and referred to the Committee on Branches.

Mooney, Mary.

The Librarian reported that Miss Mary Mooney, assistant at the North End branch, died Dec. 27, 1884; and recommended that the position be filled by her sister, Catherine G. Mooney, who has been substitute during her sister's illness, a period of seven months. Recommendation approved and adopted.

Mooney, C.G.

North end applications

He also laid before the Board various other applications for this position, which were referred to the Committee on Branches.

Shelving New building Durfee, W.S.

He showed certain specifications and plans of improved systems of shelving for the new building, which were submitted by W. S. Durfee, of Bridgeport, Conn. Referred to the Committee on Administration.

Briggs, Rebecca

He further reported that Rebecca Briggs, Lower Hall runner, was away on account of sickness, and that he had temporarily engaged Agnes Murray in her place at $156. per annum from January 6, 1885, while she remains in the service; subject to the approval of the Board.

Murray, Agnes

Doyle, Marg.

He reported that Miss Margaret Doyle had sent in her resignation to take effect Jan. 31, 1885, and he recommended that her sister, Agnes C. Doyle, who has been acting as substitute for the last six months, be appointed to the place, at a salary of $312. from Feb. 1, 1885. Recommendation approved and the appointment was ordered.

Doyle, Agnes C.

Mooney, C.G.

Dr. Clarke for the Committee on Branches, nominated Miss Catherine G. Mooney as an assistant at the North End branch from

Dec. 27, 1884, at a salary of $300. per annum. Nomination approved and appointment ordered.

Doyle, Agnes C.

Prof. Haynes, for the Committee on Administration nominated Miss Agnes C. Doyle as an assistant at the Bates Hall desk from Feb. 1, 1885, at a salary of $312. per annum. Nomination approved and appointment ordered.

Monthly bills. $10,573.51

Prof. Haynes, for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury, Feb. 1, 1885 amounting as per cash book of this date to $ 10,573.51; The bills having been duly examined, were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6234.11

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $ 6234.11 is hereby specially approved.

Bossange fr. 923.50

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Leopold Bossange, of Paris, for fr. 923.50, for invoice arrived.

Stevens £5.8.9

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of B. F. Stevens, for £ 5.8.9 for London Gazettes.

Trübner $100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner for an amount not exceeding £ 100.0.0 for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Mooney, C.G.

Ordered, that Catherine G. Mooney be allowed as assistant at the North End branch at $300. per annum from Dec. 27, 1884.

Murray, Agnes

Ordered, that Agnes Murray be allowed temporarily at $156. per annum from Jan. 6, 1885.

Doyle, Agnes C.

Ordered, that Agnes C. Doyle be allowed from Feb. 1, 1885 at a salary of $312 per annum.

Chase, G.B. Chairman of Ex. Com.

Geo. B. Chase, Esq. was chosen Chairman of the Examining Committee for the coming year.

Type-writer.

Voted to purchase a type-writer at a cost not to exceed $ 87.50

Allen, Annie E.

Miss Annie E. Allen's request for a special card was not granted.

Adjourned,

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

January 22. 1885 Commission on the prizes.

Thursday, Jan. 22, 1885.

A meeting of the Commission on the Award of Prizes for Plans for the new Library Building was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke, Haynes and Vinal.

Mr. Greenough in the chair.

Various matters were discussed but no action was taken.

Award, consideration of to be postponed.

Voted, that the president be requested to ask the Chairman of the Committee on the Library on the part of the Common Council to move for a postponement of the consideration of the award of the Commission to the next meeting of the Council.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

January 27, 1885
Special meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 1885.

A special meeting of the Corporation to meet the Joint Committee on the Library, of the City Council was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

City Council represented.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Clarke, Haynes and Whitten, of the Trustees, Messrs. Donovan, and Hart of the Board of Aldermen, and Messrs. Fiske, Erskine, Henry and Riddle of the Common Council, with Mr. Wm. H. Lee, Clerk of Committees.

Prizes, payment of, considered

The object of the conference was to consider the question of the payment of the prizes as determined by the Commission on the Award of Prizes for Plans for a new Public Library Building, after a full discussion of the matter it was

Voted, to await the report of the Corporation Counsel upon certain questions submitted, as to the application of the library building loan to the payment of these prizes.

Upon motion of Alderman Hart

Voted to adjourn until said report is made.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Feb. 13, 1885.
Special meeting on Auditor's Estimates.

Friday, Feb. 13, 1885

A special meeting of the Corporation to determine the amount to be requested for the annual appropriation for the coming year, was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke, Haynes and Whitten.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of past meetings was deferred.

Estimates 1885-86

Mr. Abbott for the Committee on Finance reported on the appropriation to be asked for as follows,

Estimates, 1885-86.

Binding,	$2,000.00
Books, for main library and branches and periodicals,	17,000.00
Catalogues,	5,000.00
Fuel,	3,000.00
Furniture, shelves, fixtures,	2,000.00
Gas,	5,000.00
Expenses, miscellaneous and general,	3,000.00
Printing and stationery,	4,000.00
Salaries,	77,000.00
Transportation, (postage &c)	2,000.00
Total,	$120,000.00

The report was accepted and it was ordered to be communicated to the City Auditor.

By unanimous consent the following business was transacted:

Fellowes Ath.

Ordered, that the question of further connection with the Fellowes Athenaeum be referred to the Committee on books to consider and report.

Exam. Com.

Mr. Greenough called attention to the appointment of the Examining Committee: Referred to next meeting of the Board.

A proposed order to be presented to the

City Government was considered and agreed to, as follows:

New building draft of proposed order for plans and building commission.

That the Mayor be authorized to appoint a commission, to serve without compensation, to consist of three citizens at large, a member of the committee on the Public Library and a member of the Committee on public buildings, who shall have charge of the erection of the new Public Library building on Dartmouth street, in consultation with the Trustees of the Public Library. The said commission, as soon as they shall receive from the Trustees of the Public Library plans and specifications, shall forthwith proceed to make all necessary contracts for the erection of the new library building, in accordance with the plans and specifications furnished them, in such manner as they shall deem for the interest of the City; provided, however, that they shall not incur any obligation in excess of the amount already authorized by the City. The Trustees of the Public Library and the City Architect are authorized and directed to cause plans and specifications for the new library building to be prepared, after consultation with said commission, and to be furnished to said commission with the least possible delay.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

February 17, 1885. Feb. 17, 1885.

The regular meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke, and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of January 20, 22 and 27 and February 13, 1885 were read and approved.

Hibbard, Annie

The Librarian reported that Miss Hibbard left the service Feb. 1, 1885 and that Miss Blake returned the same date and at a salary at the rate of $700. per annum, agreeably to an informal understanding.

Blake, H. C.

Monthly bills $9323.67

Mr. Chase, for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury March 1, 1885 amounting as per cash book of this date to $9323.67. The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay roll $6258.58

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6258.58 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £132.1.8

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £132.1.8 for invoices arrived.

Deuerlich M. 2182.24

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of G. Deuerlich for M. 2182.24 for invoices arrived.

Blake, H. C. Salary $700.

Ordered, that Miss H. C. Blake's salary be at the rate of $700.00 per annum from Feb. 1, 1885.

Funds exhausted.

Ordered, that the agents of the Library at London, Paris and Göttingen be informed that no funds will be at the credit of the Trustees with the Barings until May 1, 1885.

Hubbard, D. G. special card

Ordered, that D. G. Hubbard's special card be renewed for one year.

Examining Com. 1885-86

Voted, that the following persons be invited to serve on the Examining Committee for 1885-86:

Rev. George A. Gordon, D.D.
Charles J. Morrill, Esq.
Edward J. Lowell, Esq.
John T. Hassam, Esq.
George H. Lyman, M.D.
T. T. Bouvé, Esq.
Henry Parkman, Esq.
Thomas Cushing, Esq.
Thomas S. Perry, Esq.
Mrs. Charles D. Homans.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

March 10, 1885.

March 10, 1885. Special meeting

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m. to provide for the payment of the awards for the new library plans, and to consider other financial matters.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Chase, Haynes and Jenkins.

Prizes, payment of provided for.

Ordered, that in accordance with the vote of the City Council, the president of this Board is hereby authorized to sign a draft upon the City Treasury for the sum of Ten thousand dollars, the same being the amount of awards, for plans of the proposed Library building, made in conformity to a vote of the City Council — and to be distributed in the following sums: —

Atwood. O'Grady · Zerrahn Luce Burr

Four thousand dollars to Charles B. Atwood of East Orange, New Jersey; Three thousand dollars to Messrs. O'Grady and Zerrahn, of Boston; Two thousand dollars to Clarence S. Luce, 28, West 23d street, New York City; and One thousand dollars to Horace F. Burr, of Boston.

Paper, report on consumption of

The rules were suspended and Mr. Chase presented a report upon the consumption of paper, which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

Bowditch money $500.

Ordered, that the president request the City Treasurer to remit in sterling to Messrs. Baring Bros. to be placed to the credit of the Trustees of the Public Library, Bowditch funds now in the City Treasury amounting to the sum of Five hundred dollars.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

March 17, 1885.

March 17, 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke, and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Feb. 17 and March 10, 1885 were read and approved.

Bowditch money.

Mr. Greenough reported that the City Treasurer had remitted to Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. Five hundred dollars Bowditch funds.

New building Plans, permission to publish

A communication dated Feb. 24, 1885 from the City Government was received authorizing the Trustees to allow the editors of the American Architect and Building News to publish the prize plans for the new library building. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Burley, Edith.

The librarian reported that Edith Burley, lower Hall runner left the service Feb. 28, 1885, and that he had engaged Agnes C. Murray, who had been temporarily serving, to fill the place at $156. per annum from March 1, 1885. Subject to the approval of the Board.

Murray, Agnes C.

Mr. Chase, from the Committee on Administration, to whom was referred the letter of the City Architect of Aug. 21, 1883 respecting alterations to the main building, which subject has been kept open in view of the various suggestions made from time to time, reported the following motion,

Alterations in main building.

Voted, that it is inexpedient to consider the subject of alterations to the Central Library.

Roxbury, shelving at.

He also reported upon the letter dated January 10, 1885, of H. W. Putnam, Esq., one of the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum, concerning the necessity for additional shelving at the Roxbury branch, that the Committee had met Messrs.

Putnam, H. W.

Nathaniel J. Bradlee and H. W. Putnam, Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum and had agreed to erect shelving described in Mr. Putnam's letter, provided that plans thereof be prepared by Mr. Bradlee, and that the cost to the Public Library shall not exceed the sum of $500.

Dr. Clarke from the Committee on Branches presented the name of Agnes C. Murray as lower Hall runner from Mar. 1, 1885 at $156. per annum. Nomination approved and appointment ordered.

Murray, Agnes C.

Ordered, that the requisition for April 1st be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Requisition for Apr. 1, 1885.

Ordered, that the salary of E. B. Hunt be at the rate of $850. per annum from May 1, 1884.

Hunt, salary $850.

Ordered, that when the Board adjourns it be to March 20, at 3 p.m.

A petition from the inhabitants of Dorchester for the establishment of a delivery station in the vicinity of Harvard and Washington streets in that district was referred to the Committee on Branches.

Dorchester, new delivery wanted.

A communication dated March 17, 1885, from R. H. Dana, Esq., one of the executors under the will of the late T. G. Appleton, was received requesting the return of Mr. Appleton's private journals which were sent to the Library by mistake.

Dana, R. H. Appleton, T. G.

Voted, to return the journals as requested.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

March 20, 1885.

March 20, 1885 no quorum.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough and Haynes.

There being no quorum the Board adjourned to Saturday, March 21, at 3 p.m.

March 21, 1885

Saturday, March 21, 1885.

Adjourned meeting.

The Corporation met pursuant to adjournment, in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Haynes and Jenkins.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of March 17 was read and approved.

Monthly bills $12,006.50

Mr. Jenkins, from the Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury April 1, 1885, amounting as per cash book of this date to $12,006.50, which sum includes $337.76 chargeable to the North End appropriation. The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6400.22

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6400.22 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £27.1.9

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £27.1.9 for invoices arrived by mail.

Stevens £2.9.5

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros & Co. in favor B. F. Stevens, for £2.9.5 for certain numbers of the London Gazette.

Trust funds income

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to transmit to Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co, the annual interest on the trust-funds belonging to

the Library and amounting to the sum of $6975.00, the same to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

Stone, Col. H. added to Ex. Com.

The name of Col. Henry Stone was added to the list of the Examining Committee.

Maps, list of, to be published

Voted, to print as supplement to the Bulletin, 200 copies of the classified list of the maps in the publications of the Geological Society of London, by Mr. Richard Bliss.

Bliss, R.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk

Apr. 14, 1885.

Apr. 14, 1885

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3. p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Clarke, Haynes and later Jenkins.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of March 20 and 21 were read and approved

Plans.

A communication was received from the City Government dated March 30, 1885, ordering that the City Architect prepare the plans for the new library building and submit them to the Trustees of the Public Library for their approval.

Ordered to be placed on file.

Reed, Emma C. resigns.

The Librarian reported the resignation of Emma C. Reed, assistant at the South Boston branch, to take effect May 1; and he recommended that Idalene Sampson, Mary Watson and Reata Watson be each advanced one grade in the service from May 1, 1885. Recommendation approved, and the respective changes ordered.

Macconnell, S. leaves

He reported that Samuel Macconnell, apprentice in the Bindery, left the service April 4, 1885, his term of apprenticeship having expired, and that he had appointed John F. Murphy in his place at a salary at the rate of $208. per annum, subject to the approval of the Board.

Murphy, J. F.

Dorchester, new delivery at.

That he had examined the proposed location for a delivery station at Dorchester, in the vicinity of Harvard and Washington streets, and the matter was laid on the table.

White, Benj. discharged.

He also reported that he had suspended Benjamin White for cutting the pull-rope of the elevator, and he laid before the Board the mitigating circumstances together with a petition in his behalf from some of the Employes. The Board voted that in consideration of the nature of the offence he be discharged.

Roslindale, Otis, R. M.

Dr. Clarke reported on matters in relation to the delivery station at Roslindale which was discontinued Nov. 20, 1884, and upon the connection of R. M. Otis therewith, which were referred to the Committee on Branches on Oct. 14, Dec. 16, 1884, and Jan. 20, 1885, that he had had an interview with Mr. Otis, and that no action was necessary.

Salaries.

The matter of salaries for the ensuing year was considered and laid on the table.

Bliss, Richd.

Voted, to reconsider the vote of March 20, respecting the printing of the list of maps in the publications of the London Geological Society compiled by Mr. Bliss.

Maps, list.

Voted, to publish the same in three successive bulletins and that 100 copies be struck off in pamphlet form.

Adjourned to Tuesday Apr. 21, '85

Melvin Chandler
Clerk.

Apr. 29, 1885.

Tuesday, Apr. 21, 1885

Adjourned meeting.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Chase, Haynes, Clarke and Jenkins.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of Apr. 14 were read and approved.

White, Benj.

The Librarian reported that Benjamin White, discharged by order of the Trustees, left the service April 14, 1885.

Murphy, J. F.

Mr. Chase, from the Committee on Administration, reported the transfer of John F. Murphy, librarian's runner, to the bindery as an apprentice from April 6, 1885, at $ 208. per annum. Nomination approved and the transfer authorized.

Préfet de la Seine

Prof. Haynes, from the Committee on Books, reported on the request of the Préfet de la Seine for certain documents published by the City of Boston, which was referred to the Committee on Dec. 16, 1884, that the documents asked for are now ready to be sent.

Monthly bills $9835.60

Mr. Jenkins, from the Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury May 1, 1885, amounting as per cash book of this date to $9835.60

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6303.89

Ordered, that the pay-roll and amounting to $6303.89 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £231.1.7

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £231.1.7 for invoices arrived.

Same £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of G. Deuerlich for Mk. 2182.24 for invoices arrived. Deuerlich Mk. 2182.24

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of G. Deuerlich for Mk. 2163.49 for invoice to arrive. same, Mk. 2163.49

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of L. Bossange for fr. 332.55 for invoice arrived. Bossange fr. 332.55

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of Edward G. Allen for £ 6.18.0. for binding British Patent Specifications. Allen, £ 6.18.0.

F. A. Shelving at.

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Administration reported the plan for additional shelving at the Roxbury branch, designed by Mr. N. J. Bradlee, and jointly approved by the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum and the Committee on Administration.

Dwight, T. F. Moscheles col. of music.

Mr. Greenough read a letter to the Librarian from Theodore F. Dwight, Esq., respecting the Moscheles collection of musical books and pamphlets and the opinion was informally expressed that it was desirable to acquire it by gift for the Boston Public Library.

The Board voted certain changes in salaries, and the following was adopted as the

Pay-roll 1885-86

Pay-roll
1885 - 1886

Chamberlain, M.	$4000.
Whitney, J. L.	2500.
Knapp, A. M.	2000.
Carret, J. F.	2000.
Foster, W. H.	1800.
Griffin, A. P. C.	1600.

Ford, W. E.		$1500.
Swift, L.		1100.
Gray, L. F	day / evening	900. / 300.
Adams, W. F		900.
Pike, Harriet M.		900.
Nichols, Adelaide A.		900.
Fuller, Edith D.		900.
Hunt, E. B.		850.
Blake, Harriet C.		700.
Burnell, K.		700.
Reed, Elizabeth T.		650.
Osgood, Mary F.		650.
McGrath, Mary A.		600.
Knowles, Lydia F.		600.
Miller, Annie C.		600.
White, J.		600.
Blaisdell, F. C.		600.
Roffe, W.	day / evening	600. / 300.
Dame, Agnes R.		500.
Browe, Alice		550.
Hine, Edith C.		500.
Monahan, W.		500.
Gould, Ida M.		500.
Young, W. M. L.		500.
Morrison, J. S.		400.
Twickler, Louisa A.		360.
Richards, Florence		350.
Doyle, Agnes C.		312.
Keefe, J. F.		208.
Eastman, Roxanna M. 45¢ an hour,		350.
Kelley, M. J.		182.
Mc Laughlin, E.		182.
Taff, Thomas		182.
Hope, Geo.		182.
Perkins, C. F.		182.
Rigg, R. T.		182.

Lower hall	Tiffany, E.	$1500.
	Robinson, W. F.	1000.
	Cummings, J. H.	1000.
	Jenkins, Mary A.	700.
	Porée, Caroline E. J.	600.
	Mack, Eliza J.	550.
	Mack, Sarah A.	550.
	Kennedy, Annie M.	500.
	Shea, Annie G.	350.
	Tisdale, J. E. (evening service)	300.
	Butler, John	300.
	Sheridan, Minnie C.	208.
	Briggs, Rebecca	208.
	Twickler, Julia	208.
	Nurenberg, Esther	182.
	Briggs, Elinor	156.
	Murray, Agnes	156.
	McGrath, Catherine A.	156.
	Day, Wm. L. / Murray, Thomas / Jones, C. A. / Reardon, J. H. / Rollins, F. R. / Zittel, F. L.	10¢ an hour.... $714.
Bindery	Blake, A. M.	1200.
	Sandford, P.	1040.
	Sampson, W. F.	1000.
	Ryder, F.	1000.
	Siquere, A.	780.
	Hempstead, W.	780.
	Wheeler, Martha	494.
	Moriarty, M. G.	494.
	Bowen, Sarah E.	494.
	Dumas, Sarah	494.
	Morton, M. J.	364.
	Roslund, Mary	208.
	Murphy, J. F.	208.

E.B.	Godbold, Sarah C.	$700.
	Hosea, Geo. H.	600.
	Pray, Mary R.	500.
	Wing, Alice M.	500.
	Cathcart, M. E.	350.
	Extra assistants	360.
S.B.	Bullard, N. Josephine	700.
	Baker, Jos.	600.
	Eaton, E. A.	600.
	Reed, Emogene C.	500.
	Sampson, Ida	500.
	Watson, Mary	450.
	Watson, Reata	300.
	Extra assistants	275.
Rox.	Bunker, Sarah	700.
	Curtis, C. R.	700.
	Bell, Helen, M.	500.
	Puffer, Dora	450.
	Berry, Lizzie C.	450.
	Crowell, H. R.	300.
	Extra assistants	400.
Chn.	Cartée, C. S.	1000.
	Smith, T. E.	300.
	Eberle, A. E.	500.
	Swain, Mary P.	500.
	Willoughby, A.	156.
	Extra assistants	600.
Bri.	Brock, M. E.	600.
	Brock, J. M.	500.
	Grailey, M. F.	350.
	Extra assistants	150.
S.E.	De Borges, Grace A.	700.
	Morse, Maude M.	550.
	Sheridan, M. A.	550.
	Arkinson, Mary	226.
	Sheridan, Peter	182.
	Extra assistant	50.

Dor.	Coffin, Mary G.	$700.
	Davenport, E.	400.
	Sheridan, Jennie	500.
	Pike, Fannie W.	426.
	Watson, Lucy A.	400.
	Extra assistants	100
	Hill, M. A., Lower Mills	300.
	Atkinson, H. L. Mattapan	125.
	Powars, G. A. Neponset	125.
J.P.	Barton, Anna J.	550.
	Johnson, Jim°	300.
	Riley, Nellie F.	500.
	Extra assistants	450.
	Richards, K. W. Roxbury	100.
	Davis, J. M. "	25.
	——— Roslindale	125.
N.E.	Davis, Eliza R.	700.
	Mooney, C. G. J.	300.
	Manning, J.	300.
	Extra assistant	25.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RECORDS OF THE CORPORATION

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Monday, May 4, 1885.

The annual meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m. — Annual meeting

Present: Messrs. Clarke, Greenough, Haynes, Jenkins, Whitmore and Whitten.

The Clerk read a communication from the City Clerk, certifying to the election of William H. Whitmore as a trustee of the Public Library, and attention was called to the error therein stating that the term of trusteeship is for five years from May 1st instead of five years from the first Monday in May 1885. — Whitmore, W.H., elected Trustee — Error in his certificate.

Mellen Chamberlain, the Clerk, called to order.

W. W. Greenough was elected president and took the chair. — Greenough, W.W., elected president.

Mellen Chamberlain was chosen Clerk of the Corporation and took the oath of office as appears by the following certificate: — Chamberlain, M., chosen clerk.

Suffolk, ss. May 4, 1885.

Then personally appeared the above named Mellen Chamberlain and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of Clerk of the Corporation.

Before me

Wm W Greenough.

Justice of the Peace.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

Ordered, that the present By-laws be adopted until the next meeting. — By-laws.

Mellen Chamberlain was elected Librarian. — Chamberlain, M., Librarian

Expenditures to be brought within the reduced appropriation.

Voted, that the President and Librarian are requested to draw up a plan whereby the expenditures for the current year may be brought within the amount of the appropriation.

The following Committees were appointed by the president:

Committees.

Administration.

Messrs. Whitmore, Haynes and Whitten.

Books.

Messrs. Haynes, Abbott, Clarke and Whitmore.

Branches.

Messrs. Clarke, Abbott and Jenkins.

Finance.

Messrs. Abbott, Jenkins and Whitten.

Adjourned

The Board adjourned to Friday May 8, 1885, at 3 p.m.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

May 8, 1885.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m. Adjourned meeting

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke, Jenkins and Whitmore.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last two meetings was deferred.

Voted, that in the judgment of this Board the contract contained in an indenture between the City of Boston and the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum in Roxbury, entered into the 29th of January 1872, should be terminated by giving the six months notice to that effect as provided in said indenture, and that the President of the Board be requested to transmit a copy of this vote to the City Council. Fellowes Athenaeum, contract with to be terminated.

Ordered, that the Librarian be requested to consider and report how much saving could be effected if the purchase of new books were stopped; how much if the Lower Hall and Branches remained closed until one o'clock, instead of opening as now at nine o'clock, the employes in the former to remain until nine p.m. instead of leaving as they do now at six or seven p.m.; and to see how much could be saved if the printing of the new lower hall fiction list were stopped at once. Saving, various plans to be reported.

Ordered, that all orders for books prior to the 15th of March 1885 be cancelled. Book orders prior to 15 Mar. 85 cancelled.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

May 19, 1885.

May 19, 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke, Haynes Whitmore, Whitten, and late Abbott.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of April 21st, May 4th and May 8th were read and approved.

Davis, E.C., resigns (married a Mr. Reed, resigns as E.C. Reed.)

The Librarian reported that Mrs. E.C. Davis of the South Boston branch had left the service on May 1, 1885, agreeably to her resignation reported April 14, 1885.

Book orders prior to 15 March reported suspended.

He also reported that the orders of the Trustees respecting the suspension of all orders for books prior to March 15, and restricting the amount of mail invoices to an average not to exceed £10. per month had been communicated to the agents of the Library.

Mail invoices not to exceed £10. monthly

Bowditch gifts.

A communication was received from the heirs of the late Dr. Nathaniel Bowditch accompanied by a bust, a bracket to support it, and nine volumes, by them given to the Boston Public Library on the terms set forth in said communication, whereupon it was

Laws, thanks voted.

Voted, that the Trustees gratefully accept the aforesaid gift according to the terms thereof and return their thanks to J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Henry I. Bowditch, Mary I. B. Dixwell, William I. Bowditch, and Eliza B. Dixwell for this renewed instance of their interest in the Library.

Shed, J.G., petition regarding Rox. br.

A petition was received from J. G. Shed for a more central location for the Roxbury branch. Referred to the Committee on Branches.

Mr. Greenough, on behalf of the heirs of the late George Ticknor, presented the manuscript of the History of Spanish Literature and a bust of Cervantes, whereupon it was

Ticknor, gift of mss. of Hist. of Spanish Lit.

Voted, that the special thanks of this Board be communicated to the heirs of the late George Ticknor for the most acceptable gift to the Public Library of the marble bust of Cervantes by Don Antonio Solá, and of the manuscript of the first and third editions of the History of Spanish Literature, which in conformity with their request will be placed in the Spanish collection under the conditions upon which it was accepted by the Trustees.

Cervantes, bust of

Fuller, E.C. granted leave.

The request of Miss Fuller for three months leave of absence without pay was granted.

Osgood, M. E. resigns.

The resignation of Miss Osgood to go into effect on the 1st of July was accepted.

By-Laws renewed.

The present By-laws were renewed until the next monthly meeting.

Monthly bills $9095.26

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury June 1, 1885, amounting as per cash book of this date to $9095.26; the bills having been duly examined by the Board were approved.

Pay-roll $6241.68

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6241.68 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £100.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., in favor of N. Trübner & Co., for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Adjourned.

Adjourned to Saturday May 23d at 2.30 p.m.

Nellen J. Chamberlain
Clerk.

May 23d 1885

Adjourned meeting.

Saturday, May 23d 1885.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke, Haynes and Jenkins.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meeting of May 19 was deferred.

Expenditures, plans for reduction of.

The Librarian laid before the Board certain proposed reductions of expenditures to meet the reduction of the appropriation.

Dr. Clarke offered the following order:

E.B., S.B., S.E., and N.E., saving to be effected by closing

Ordered, that the Librarian be directed to report at the next meeting what saving could be effected by the discontinuance of the East Boston, South Boston, South End and North End branches.

Vacation for binders

Ordered, that the employes of the Bindery be allowed one week leave of absence for the present year, without loss of pay.

Branches, change of hours for summer

Ordered, that the branch librarians may arrange the hours of service for the months of June, July and August of the present year, so that the female employes may have in turn one forenoon a week, provided, however, that this privilege shall not be allowed when the service requires attendance.

Lower Hall &c., 2c.

Ordered, that the Lower Hall, Branches and reading-room be closed one hour earlier than usual beginning Monday June 1, and ending Saturday August 29.

Morrison, John granted leave.

The request of John Morrison for three months leave of absence without pay was referred to the Librarian with full powers.

Ticknor, Miss A.E. gift.

The president laid before the Board a collection of volumes of early American poetry,

broadsides, manuscripts, etc., a gift to the Library from Miss Anna E. Ticknor, whereupon it was

Ticknor, Anna E., gift.

Voted, that the President be requested to express to Miss Ticknor the cordial thanks of the Board for this most interesting and valuable collection of volumes.

Expenditures, plans for reduction of to be carried out.

Ordered, that the Librarian be authorized to carry out his plans for meeting the exigency of the deficiency in the annual appropriation.

Adjourned,

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

June 16, 1885.

June 16, 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Clarke.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of May 19 and 23d were read and approved.

June 17 and September 17 — library to be closed

The president laid before the Board communications from the City Government ordering that the City Hall and departments be closed on the 17th instant and that flags be displayed on the public buildings on that day and on the 17th of September next, the offices in City Hall and other departments at 2 p.m. on the latter day.

G.A.R. employees to be allowed leave from June 22-26

That the heads of departments be requested to allow such employees as are members of the G. A. R. leave of absence without loss of pay from June 22 to June 26 inclusive. Read and ordered to be placed upon file.

Mayor, com. from referred to Mess. Abbott and Whitmore

A communication from His Honor the Mayor was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Abbott and Whitmore to enquire what form of report is necessary to be made under the new charter.

Treadwell estate.

A letter from John Noble, Esq. dated June 1, 1885, was received stating that by the death of Mrs. Treadwell the trust under the will of Prof. Treadwell closes, and that the Trustees would proceed to settle up the estate as soon as practicable. Ordered to be placed on file.

E.B., S.B., S.E., and N.E. closing them would save $15,267.94

The Librarian reported on the order of the Board of the 23d May that a saving of $15,267.94 could be effected by closing the South Boston, East Boston, South End and North End branches.

Osgood, M.E. leaves service.

That Miss M. E. Osgood whose resignation was reported at the last meeting, had left the service June 10, 1885.

Livermore, Mrs. S.E. employed

That Mrs. Susan E. Livermore heretofore serving at the Charlestown branch as a substitute, had been engaged as a regular attendant from June 1, 1885 at $300. per annum.

Barton, M. S. employed.

That Margaret S. Barton who had been a substitute at the Jamaica Plain branch had been engaged as a regular attendant at $350. from June 1, and that the services of James E. Reiley, Extra runner had been dispensed with the same date.

Reiley, James E. leaves.

Perkins, C. leaves.

Murphy, D.J. employed.

That Charles Perkins, Bates Hall runner left the service May 30, 1885, and that he had engaged Daniel J. Murphy in his place from June 1, at $182. per annum, subject to the approval of the Board. Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Administration, reported the name of Daniel J. Murphy as Bates Hall runner from June 1, 1885. Nomination approved and appointment ordered.

Monthly bills $7890.70

Mr. Abbott from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury July 1, 1885, amounting as per cash book of this date $7890.70

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6131.50

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6131.50 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £35.14.6

Ordered, that the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of N. Trübner & Co., for £35.14.6 in excess of the amount authorized at the last two meetings, viz, £200.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of N. Trübner & Co., for an amount not exceeding

Trübner £100.

£100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of G. Denerlich for M 601.90 for invoice to arrive.

Denerlich M. 601.90

Ordered, that Mrs. S. E. Livermore be allowed at $300. per annum from June 1, 1885.

Livermore S.E.

Ordered, that Miss Margaret S. Barton be allowed at $350. per annum from June 1, 1885.

Barton, M.S.

Ordered, that Daniel J. Murphy be allowed at $182. per annum from June 1, 1885.

Murphy, D.J.

Ordered, that Charles E. Mansfield be allowed for 21 days at $182. per annum.

Mansfield, Chas.

Ordered, that Mary Roslund's salary be at the rate of $260 per annum from May 1, 1885.

Roslund, Mary salary raised.

The application of Mr. J. H. Cummings for 3 months leave of absence without pay was granted.

Cummings, J.H. leave granted.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

July 14, 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Clarke, Jenkins and Whitmore.

Rev. Dr. Clarke was chosen President, pro tem. and took the chair.

Clarke, J.F., president pro tem.

The reading of the records of the meeting of June 16 was deferred.

A communication dated June 27 from His Honor the Mayor entitled Circular No. 2 was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Mayor's circular No. 2.

Ordered, that the Clerk be directed to obtain at once the written opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to whether this Board is obliged by the new statute to make its purchases in the manner specified in the circular of His Honor the Mayor, dated June 27.

Corporation Counsel's opinion as to manner of purchasing.

Ordered, that in the meantime the Librarian be directed to make purchases in the manner customary before the receipt of said order.

Purchases to be made as usual in meantime.

The Librarian reported that Richard Rigg left the service on June 30, 1885 and that he had engaged John J. Keenan in his place at $182. per annum from July 1, subject to the approval of the Board.

Rigg, R. leaves.

Keenan, John J., employed

He also reported that he had engaged Daniel J. Dwyer as a Bates Hall runner from June 22, at $182. per annum, subject to the approval of the Board.

Dwyer, D.J., employed.

Mr. Whitmore moved to suspend Rule in Art. V. Sec. IV; carried and the nominations confirmed.

Rule suspended.

Mr. Jenkins from the Committee on

Monthly bills $7861.87

Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury August 1, 1885, amounting as per cash book of this date to $7861.87

The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6042.79

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6042.79 is hereby specially approved.

Trübner £100

Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Stevens, B. F. £49.17.10

Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of B. F. Stevens, for £49.17.10 for invoice arrived.

Dwyer, D. J.

Ordered, that Daniel J. Dwyer be allowed at $182. per annum from June 22, 1885.

Keenan, J. J.

Ordered, that John J. Keenan be allowed at $182. per annum from July 1, 1885.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Tuesday Aug. 18, 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of June 16 and July 14 were read and approved.

Mayor's circular rescinded.

A communication dated July 17 was received from His Honor, the Mayor dispensing with further requisitions through his office and directing that in future the departments will purchase their supplies without them. Ordered to be placed on file.

Keenan, M. J. Hafford, W. G.

Dr. Clarke for the Committee on Administration moved to suspend the rule and reported the nominations of Matthew J. Keenan and Wm. G. Hafford as Bates Hall runners from August 11th and Aug. 15th respectively at $182. per annum each. The rule was suspended and the nominations confirmed.

Murphy, Daniel leaves.

The Librarian reported that Daniel Murphy left the service July 31, 1885 and that he had engaged Matthew J. Keenan in his place from August 11 at $182. per annum. Subject to the approval of the Board.

That he had also engaged Wm. G. Hafford as a Bates Hall runner from Aug. 15 at $182. per annum, subject to the approval of the Board.

Mayor's circular No. 3

He reported that as His Honor the Mayor had issued Circular no. 3, rescinding the orders in Circular no. 2, the necessity for communicating with the Corporation Counsel as directed by the Trustees at the meeting of July 14 ceased to Exist.

Corporation Counsel

New building plans

The President reported that a meeting of the Corporation was held at the City Architect's Office on August 5th, in reference to the plans for

the new building, but no business was transacted.

Monthly bills $8395.77

Mr. Whitmore, in the absence of any member of the Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Sept. 1, 1885 amounting as per cash book of this date to $8395.77. The bills having been duly Examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $5927.99

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $5927.99 is hereby specially approved.

Keenan

Ordered, that Matthew J. Keenan be allowed at $182. per annum from August 11, 1885.

Hafford.

Ordered, that Wm. G. Hafford be allowed at $182. per annum from August 15, 1885.

Treadwell bequest.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to accept and receipt for and place in the custody of the City Treasurer the property at present in the hands of the Executors of the will of the late Daniel Treadwell under the conditions as specified in the letter of advice to the Trustees dated August 13, 1885.

Blaisdell, F. C.
Gray, L. F.

The letters of F. C. Blaisdell and L. F. Gray, applying for the Curatorship of the Lower Hall card catalogue were referred to the Committee on Branches.

Colony laws allowed to leave building

Ordered, that the Librarian be instructed to allow any copy of the Colonial Laws of 1672 or supplements, Except the Prince Library copy, to be sent in charge of an attendant to be photographed by the Photo-Electrotype company for the

Record commissioners

Record Commissioners, provided, however that such books or parts be not Kept out of the Library over night, nor left by the attendant out of his sight at all.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1885.

The regular meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m., instead of upon Tuesday September 15, 1885.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of August 18 were read and approved.

Treadwell bequest.

The president reported that he had received the securities of the bequest of the late Daniel Treadwell, and had deposited the same with the City Treasurer according to a receipt of which the following is a copy:

"City of Boston,
"City Hall.
"Office of the City Treasurer,
"Sept. 19, 1885.

"Received of W. W. Greenough,
"President, Board of Trustees of the Public Library,
"Check of John Noble, Trustee, on National
"Bank of No. America, $88.
"Certificate of Stock, Fitchburg R.R. Co. Nine shares
" Boston & Providence R.R. Co. Six shares
" Cambridge Lyceum Eighteen shares
" Vermont and Mass. R.R. Co. One share
" Boston and Albany R.R. Co. Fifteen shares
[signed] "Alfred T. Turner
"City Treasurer."

Turned over to Mrs. Nichols Feb. 1, 1886

The president further reported that the City Treasurer was desirous of selling the aforesaid securities and of investing the proceeds in a City bond bearing interest at 4%.

Ordered, that the president be requested

to obtain the written opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to the right of the Trustees of the Public Library under the second section of their Act of Incorporation to dispose of the securities of the bequest of the late Daniel Treadwell and to convert the proceeds into bonds as proposed by the City Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

Rules and orders

Ordered, that all standing rules affecting the employes of the Library and the public remain in force until further notice.

Robinson, W. F. leaves.

The Librarian reported that Mr. Wm. F. Robinson, registration clerk, resigned September 1st and that he had employed Mr. E. F. Rice temporarily

Rice, E. F.

in discharging the duties of that office, whereupon it was

Ordered, that Mr. Rice be continued in said office on trial until the next meeting of the Board, subject nevertheless to removal by the president.

Cummings, T. H. leaves.

The Librarian further reported that Mr. Thomas H. Cummings, curator of the Lower Hall card catalogue had sent in his verbal resignation to take effect Oct. 1, 1885, whereupon Dr. Clarke, from

Blaisdell, F. C.

the Committee on Branches reported the nomination of Frank C. Blaisdell to the office of curator of the lower hall card catalogue, from Oct. 1, at the rate of $900. per annum; he further reported a recommendation

Gray, L. F.

that the salary of Louis F. Gray, office secretary be at the rate of $1000. from Oct. 1, 1885. Nomination accepted and appointment made in conformity thereto, and recommendation approved.

Ordered, that Louis F. Gray, office secretary, be allowed $12. for special services rendered prior to Oct. 1, 1885.

Keenan, Hafford, leave.

The Librarian further reported that Matthew J. Keenan and William G. Hafford, Bates hall runners, had left the service on Sept. 1, 1885 and Sept. 10, 1885,

respectively, and that he had engaged Patrick D. Gorman as a Bates Hall runner from Sept. 9th at $182. per annum, subject to the approval of the Board.

Gorman, Pat. D.

That the lower hall fiction list had been printed and was ready for distribution.

Fiction list published.

He called attention to the fact that in accordance with instructions, the titles of the books of W. T. Adams and Horatio Alger, jr., had been omitted from this catalogue and were no longer in circulation in the lower hall, but that the same were in circulation at the Branches. He asked instructions, whereupon it was

"Optic" and Alger books withdrawn.

Ordered, that the aforesaid books be withdrawn from circulation at the branches.

He reported that the annual report had been published after an unusual delay occasioned by the absence from town of the members of the Examining committee whose signatures to the report were necessary.

Annual report.

Mr. Whitmore, from the committee on Administration, reported the name of Patrick D. Gorman as a Bates hall runner from Sept. 9th at $182. per annum. Nomination approved and appointment ordered.

Gorman, P. D.

Mr. Whitmore, in the absence of any member of the committee on finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Oct. 1, 1885, amounting as per cash book of this date to $9143.98. The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Monthly bills $9143.98

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6050.15 is hereby specially approved.

Pay-roll $6050.15

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N.

Trübner £100. — Trübner & co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of

Stevens £5.17.6 — B. F. Stevens for £5.17.6 for London gazettes.

Ordered, that the salary of F. C. Blaisdell be

Blaisdell $900 — at the rate of $900. per annum from Oct. 1, 1885.

Ordered, that the salary of L. F. Gray be at

Gray $1000. — the rate of $1000. per annum from Oct. 1, 1885.

Ordered, that Patrick D. Gorman be allowed

Gorman $182. — from Sept. 9. 1885 at $182. per annum.

Messrs. Whitmore and Clarke were appointed

Rules, Com^tee app^d. — a special committee on the Rules.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore, Mr. Greenough was added to the committee.

E. B. janitor. — Ordered, that the president be authorized to make any change in the office of janitor at the East Boston branch which he may deem best for the interests of that department.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Special meeting

Thursday Oct. 1, 1885

Treadwell bequest.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m. "to consider the "question of the disposal of the securities given to the "Trustees under the Treadwell will, and to take such "action as may be deemed expedient."

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

Mr. Greenough laid before the Board a letter dated Sept. 26, 1885 from the Corporation Counsel in respect to the rights of the Trustees as to the disposal of the securities of the Treadwell bequest, whereupon

same.

Voted, that the same be copied into the record and be placed upon file.

"Corporation Counsel's Office,
"2 Pemberton Square,
"Boston, Sept. 26th 1885.

"Hon. W. W. Greenough
"President, Trustees of Public Library.

"Dear Sir:

"Referring to the order of the Board, "passed Sept. 22d, requesting my opinion as to the right of the "Trustees under the second section of their act of incorporation "to dispose of the securities, &c, I find that the bequest of "Prof. Treadwell is an outright, unfettered bequest to the "Trustees "for the use and benefit of the Public Library "of the City of Boston" (See first codicil). The Board may, "in my opinion, dispose of the securities and may use "the proceeds for the benefit of the library in such "manner as their judgment may direct. Instead of "expending the proceeds, the Board may, through the "agency of the City Treasurer and with the approval of "the finance committee convert the proceeds into bonds "as proposed by Mr Turner.

"Very respectfully
"E. P. Nettleton
Corporation Counsel."

Treadwell bequest.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

Voted, that in the opinion of the Board the securities of the Treadwell bequest should remain as they now are until further order.

Yeas: Messrs. Greenough, Haynes and Whitmore.

Same.

Voted that the balance in cash of the Treadwell bequest be expended immediately for works of permanent value in physics, and the works so purchased be furnished with a book-plate marked "Treadwell fund". Yeas: Messrs. Greenough, Haynes and Whitmore."

By unanimous consent the following business was transacted.

New library estate.

Alleged nuisance Board of Health

A letter was received from the Board of Health dated Sept. 30, 1885, calling the attention of the Board to the existence of a nuisance upon the vacant lot corner of Dartmouth and Boylston streets,

Same.

Ordered, that a committee of two, consisting of Messrs. Greenough and Whitmore, consider and report upon this matter at a special meeting of the Board to be called for the purpose.

Same.

Ordered, that the Librarian be requested to reply to the Board of Health that the Trustees will attend to the condition of said vacant lot at once.

Green, S.A., bust by Bartlett, J.H.

A plaster bust of Dr. Samuel A. Green by J. H. Bartlett was received as a gift from the sculptor to whom it was directed that the special thanks of the Board should be rendered.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk.

Special meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1885.

A special meeting of the Corporation, called by the President, was held in the Trustees' room at 2.30 p.m. "1°, to consider the plans to be submitted by the city architect of the new library building; and 2°, to take such action as may be necessary with regard to the care of the Library estate on Dartmouth, Boylston and St. James streets".

New building plans

" estate.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last two meetings was dispensed with.

Stoddard, F. R. hires house

Mr. Greenough reported an application of Francis R. Stoddard to hire the marble house on Dartmouth street, and on motion of Mr. Whitmore it was laid on the table.

New building estate

Mr. Greenough, also said the he was informed that the Trustees have the right to close the passageway across the Library lot, whereupon it was

Fence for same

Ordered, that the special committee having the matter in charge be authorized to put a fence at each end of said passageway.

Lovering, J. P.

He further reported a letter he had addressed to Mr. J. P. Lovering requesting him to remove certain sheds belonging to him now located on the Library estate.

Ordered, that said letter be approved, and that the special committee continue to take charge of the lot until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

Chase, Geo. B., granted freedom of alcoves.

Ordered, that George B. Chase, Esq., in consideration of his services as trustee of the Boston Public Library, be allowed the freedom of the alcoves until farther notice.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

Duplicates at E.B.

Ordered, that a special committee to consist of the president and two others be appointed to investigate and report as to the disposal of duplicates at the East Boston branch which have no circulation or use.

The president appointed Dr. Clarke and Prof. Haynes as members of said special committee.

On motion,

E. A. Trustees contract with.

Ordered, that the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum be invited to meet the Trustees of the Public Library on the 20th instant at 4 p.m., to consider the subject of the contract between them.

New building plans

At 3 p.m. the City Architect, Mr. Vinal, appeared and consulted with the Trustees on the subject of the plans of the new library building.

Same.

Mr. Vinal presented a plan for the stacks, which was for fan-shaped wings, lighted from the outside. He stated that this plan was the only one which he had been able to devise, in addition to those already presented to the Trustees, depending upon outside light mainly. The whole cost of the building he estimated at from $700,000 to $800,000. On enquiry as to the difference in plan and cost if the stack were lighted entirely by artificial light, he said that the whole building might probably be built for $450,000. He was requested to prepare plans accordingly.

Such business as appears in the record different from that for which the meeting was called was transacted by unanimous consent.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Sept. 22, October 1, and Oct. 14, were read, and after the incorporation of an amendment proposed by Mr. Whitmore in respect to the interview between the Trustees and Mr. Vinal at the meeting of Oct. 14, 1885 were approved.

New building plans

A communication was received from the City Government dated Sept. 28, 1885, ordering that the land and buildings thereon, bounded by Dartmouth and Boylston streets and St. James avenue, be placed in charge of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

New building estate placed in charge of Trustees.

Two communications were received from the City Government dated Oct. 5, 1885, the first ordering that the expense incurred by the Trustees in the care of the library estate on Boylston and Dartmouth streets, and for the incidental expenses in connection with the new building, be charged to the appropriation for the library building, Dartmouth street; the second, ordering that the City Auditor be directed to transfer from the reserved fund $1000. to be used in reestablishing the Roslindale branch. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

New building estate expenses.

Roslindale delivery

The Librarian presented the written resignation of Mr. Thomas H. Cummings to take effect Oct. 1, 1885. Ordered to be placed on file.

Cummings, T. H. resigns.

Blaisdell, F.C. promoted.

That agreeably to the order of the Board at the meeting of Sept. 22, Frank C. Blaisdell had been promoted to the position of curator of the lower hall card catalogue and entered upon his duties Oct. 1, 1885.

Treadwell book-plate.

That as directed at the meeting of the Board on Oct. 1, 1885, he had caused to be prepared a Treadwell fund book plate, which he now submitted to the inspection of the Board.

Fuller, E.D., and Morrison, J.S. return from vacation.

That Miss Edith D. Fuller and John S. Morrison who had each been granted three months leave of absence without pay, had returned to the service.

Keefe, J.F. leaves.

That John F. Keefe, runner in the ordering department, had left the service on Oct. 17.

Piper, H.B. Turner, A.H.

That he had engaged Harvey B. Piper and Arthur H. Turner as Bates Hall runners from Oct. 10 and Oct. 12, respectively, at $182. each, per annum, subject to the approval of the Board.

Kennedy, A.M.

That Miss Annie M. Kennedy had been two months on the pay-roll (at $500. per annum,) without service on account of serious illness, and he asked for instructions, whereupon it was

Ordered, that her name be continued on the pay roll until further orders.

Roslindale, petition.

He laid before the Board a petition from the inhabitants of Roslindale for the reestablishment of the delivery station at that section and endorsing the application of Samuel T. Bowthorpe as custodian thereof. Referred to the Committee on Branches to consider and report.

Under the suspension of the rules the following nominations were confirmed:

Rice, E.F.

Edwin F. Rice as registration clerk from Sept. 1, 1885, at $600. per annum.

Piper, H.B. Turner, A.H.

Harvey B. Piper and Arthur H. Turner as Bates Hall runners from Oct. 10, and Oct. 12, respectively at $182. each per annum.

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Nov. 1, 1885, amounting as per cash book of that date to $8177.82; the bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Monthly bills $8177.82

Ordered, that the pay roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6121.86 is hereby specially approved.

Pay-roll $6121.86

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Mesprs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner and co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Trübner £100.

Ordered that Edwin F. Rice be allowed from Sept. 1, 1885 at $600. per annum.

Rice, $600.

Ordered, that Harvey B. Piper be allowed from Oct. 10, at $182 per annum.

Piper, $182.

Ordered, that Arthur H. Turner be allowed from Oct. 12, at $182. per annum.

Turner $182.

On motion of Dr. Clarke, modified by suggestion of Mr. Whitmore,

Ordered, that a committee of two, consisting of the president and Mr. Haynes, arrange for a conference between the trustees and experts on the use of electrical lights for the new building.

New building, electric lights for

At 4 o'clock the convention of the Trustees of the public library and the trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum took place.

F.A. Trustees

The following Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum being present: Messrs. Dillaway, Osgood, Hale, Putnam and Munroe.

A free interchange of views took place in respect to the continuance of the contract between the two libraries, but no definite action was taken. Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk

Nov. 7, 1885.

Tuesday Nov. 17, 1885.

The regular meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough and Haynes.

New building plans.

It had been arranged with the City Architect, Mr. Vinal, to be present and exhibit his proposed plan of the stack for the new library building; but by reason of some misunderstanding on his part as to the time, he did not appear.

No quorum.

For want of a quorum the Board adjourned to Thursday 19th at 3 p.m.

Adjourned

Nellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 1885. Adjourned meeting.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke, Haynes and Whitten.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Oct. 20, was read and approved.

The Librarian reported that George Hope, runner in the shelf department, and John Butler, runner in the Lower Hall, left the service on Oct. 24, 1885 — Hope, Geo. Butler, John leave.

That he had engaged John J. Bateman as Bates Hall runner and Maurice Conroy as Lower Hall runner at $182. each, per annum, from Oct. 26 and Oct. 27, respectively; subject to the approval of the Board. — Bateman, J.J., Conroy, Maurice.

That the Roslindale delivery station was reopened on Nov. 2, with Dr. Samuel J. Bowthorpe in charge, at the same rate for personal services and rent as was formerly paid. — Roslindale reopened. Bowthorpe, S. J.

That Mary Arkinson was absent from the South End branch by reason of sickness, and that he had engaged Emma Lynch in her place for the month of November at the rate of $226. per annum, subject to the approval of the Board. — Arkinson, Mary. Lynch, Emma.

He laid before the Board the application of Miss E. C. Hine for increase of salary, and on motion of Alderman Whitten, — Hine, E. C.

Ordered, that the salary of Miss E. C. Hine be at the rate of $550. per annum from May 1st 1885.

Prof. Haynes, from the Committee on Administration, reported the names of John J. Bateman as Bates Hall runner from Oct. 26, at $182. per — Bateman, J.J.

annum. Nomination approved and appointment ordered.

Rev. Dr. Clarke, from the Committee on Branches, reported the name of Maurice Conroy as Lower Hall runner from Oct. 27 at $182. per annum. Nomination approved and appointment ordered.

Conroy, M.

Dr. Clarke also made the following report:

"The Committee on Branches report,

That this Corporation make the following communication to the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum: That in case the Trustees of the Athenaeum will provide for the salaries of the Librarian and Janitor of the Athenaeum, and with the understanding that the expenditure for books, and other expenses of the Roxbury branch, be in proportion to its circulation compared with that of the other branches, this corporation see no reason why the present existing arrangement should be disturbed during the next two or three years. The present Trustees of the Public Library have no power to bind their successors, but see no difficulty in this arrangement."

F.A. Trustees, contract with, Committee's report

Report accepted and the Librarian was instructed to communicate the same to the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum.

Mr. Whitten, from the Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Dec. 1, 1885, amounting as per cash book of this date to $9606.61. The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Monthly bills $9606.61

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6159.82 is hereby specially approved.

Pay-roll $6159.82

The Finance Committee also presented a special requisition of $73.04, including an item of $6.94 for salary, chargeable to the appropriation

Roslindale $73.04

from the reserved fund for the re-establishment of the Roslindale delivery station, which was duly approved by the Board, the item for salary being specially approved.

Ordered, that John J. Bateman be allowed at $182 per annum from Oct. 26, 1885.

Bateman, $182.

Ordered, that Maurice Conroy be allowed at $182. per annum from Oct. 27, 1885.

Conroy, $182.

Ordered, that Emma Lynch be allowed at $226. per annum for the month of November.

Lynch $226

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of R. Trübner for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive before the next meeting of the Board.

Trübner £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of G. Denerlich for M. 1472.49 for invoice to arrive.

Denerlich M. 1472.49

Ordered, that Samuel T. Bowthorpe be allowed at $83.33 per annum from Nov. 1, 1885.

Bowthorpe, 83.33

In regard to Black's bill of $204. for photographs of the four plans of the new building to which prizes were awarded, Mr. Greenough explained that only 10 copies were ordered, but after some conversation the Board ordered that the bill be allowed, to be paid out of the appropriation for the Dartmouth street estate.

Black's bill for $204, photos. of plans.

Mr. Greenough from the special committee charged with the arrangements for clearing the Dartmouth street lot from its encumbrances, reported that after some difficulties in ascertaining who the trespassers on the estate were, the Corporation Counsel had sent them legal notice to remove their property, and that the land was now being cleared of such encumbrances and that contract had been made to

New building estate.

Corporation Counsel

fence the lot properly for $275; this included the gates in the passageway.

New building, electric lights for — He also presented a letter from Mr. Winsor, librarian of Harvard University, in respect to the practicability of lighting the stack of the new building with electricity; and said that he had received a letter from Professor Charles R. Cross asking for information respecting the same, which he had answered.

Winsor, J.

Cross, C.R.

Treadwell fund. — He also referred to the Treadwell fund, and said he had learned that the Trustees did not lose control thereof by its being funded in City bonds; but it was the opinion of the Board that the securities should remain as they are for the present, and until the remainder of the bequest is received.

New building plans — The Board awaited until 4 p.m. the attendance of the City Architect, Mr. Vinal, who had been verbally notified of their meeting to-day, but he not appearing,

Adjourned

Milton Thacher
Clerk.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1885. — Special meeting.

A special meeting of the Corporation "to consider questions relative to the Dartmouth street lot and relative to the building plans for the library", was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

New building estate. " plans.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of Nov. 17, and Nov. 19 was deferred.

F. Sullivan's bill of $275.00 for the fence around the library lot on Dartmouth street was presented.

Sullivan's bill $275.

Ordered, that the committee, consisting of Messrs. Greenough and Whitmore, to whom was referred the matter of fencing the Dartmouth street lot, be requested to consider and report at an adjourned meeting in respect to the rights of any parties in the passageway shown on the plan of said lot, and to request the opinion of the Corporation Counsel on the matter.

Passageway across new building estate.

Corporation Counsel.

Voted, that when the Board adjourns it be to Thursday, the 17th inst., at 3 p.m.

Adjourns.

The Trustees received from Mr. Vinal, the City Architect, by his messenger, four sheets, containing sketches of the stack for the new building.

Plans

Voted, that the regular meeting of the Board of Tuesday Dec. 15, be adjourned to Tuesday Dec. 22, 1885.

Regular meeting adjourned

Adjourned

Milton Thacher
Clerk.

Dec. 17, 1885, adjourned meeting

Dec. 17, 1885.

An adjourned special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last three meetings was deferred.

Passageway across library estate, Corporation Counsel's opinion. copy for Eliot, Prest.

The opinion of the Corporation Counsel in respect to the rights of any parties in the passageway across the Dartmouth street lot was read by Mr. Greenough, whereupon

Ordered, that the president be requested to communicate a copy of the same to President Eliot.

Mayor asks for statement for year

The president read a letter from the Mayor, asking for a brief statement of the work in the Library for the past year.

Plans.

The Trustees proceeded to consider the plans for the new library building, but without coming to any definite conclusion, the Board adjourned to Saturday Dec. 19, at 3 p.m.

Adjourned

Melvin Lenniberger
Clerk.

Dec. 19, 1885. Adjourned meeting.

An adjourned special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last four meetings was deferred.

Plans

The consideration of the plans of the new library building was resumed, chiefly the suggestions of Mr. Whitmore for the reduction in the size and number of the rooms on the architect's sketches, so as to bring the cost within the appropriation.

Adjourned

Melvin Lenniberger
Clerk.

Dec. 22, 1885.

Tuesday Dec. 22, 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation, postponed from the 17th inst. by vote of the Board of the 11th Dec., was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Nov. 17, Nov. 19, Dec. 11, Dec. 17 and Dec. 19 were read and approved.

Employees to be paid before Christmas.

A communication dated Dec. 7, 1885, was received from the City Government directing that the employees of the City be paid the amounts due them on the general draft for January on or before the 24th inst. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Keenan, M. J.

The Librarian reported that he had engaged Matthew J. Keenan as an extra runner in Bates Hall for Saturdays only at ten cents an hour. Subject to the approval of the Board.

Brookings, B. S.

He recommended that Barden S. Brookings be authorized by the Trustees as the substitute for Mr. Tisdale in the reading-room Sundays, his compensation to be paid by Mr. Tisdale, from the amount allowed him by the Trustees.

McGrath, Amelia and Catherine.

That Amelia McGrath had been serving over a year as evening delivery clerk in place of her sister, Catherine McGrath during the latter's illness, and as it is definitely settled that Catherine will not return to the service, he recommended that Amelia be appointed to the same position at the same rate of pay, viz. $156. per annum. Recommendations approved and appointments made in conformity thereto.

Webster Daniel, statuette of

He stated that the bronze statuette of Daniel Webster, bequeathed to the Boston Public Library by the late Hon. Joseph M. Wightman was received Dec. 11, 1885.

Scholfield bequest.

He further reported that about 1400 volumes and many pamphlets, a part of the Scholfield bequest, had been received at the Library Dec. 17, 1885.

Monthly bills $8590.24

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury January 1, 1886, amounting as per cash book of this date to $8590.24; The bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6105.73

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6105.73 is hereby specially approved.

Sullivan's bill $275.

Instead of the special draft authorized at the meeting of Dec. 11, 1885, a special requisition of $275 for fencing was presented by the Committee, chargeable to the appropriation for the Dartmouth street estate.

Roslindale $14.94

A special requisition was also presented by the Committee of $14.94, chargeable to the appropriation for the Roslindale delivery station. Both these were duly examined by the Board and approved, the item for salary of $694 in the latter, being specially approved.

Trubner £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co., for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Allen. £11.11.6

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Edward G. Allen for £11. 11. 6 for binding British patent specifications

Stevens, £34.0.7

Ordered, that the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros and Co. in favor of B. F. Stevens for £34. 0. 7 for invoice to arrive.

Keenan 10¢ an hour

Ordered, that Matthew J. Keenan be allowed at 10 cents an hour for extra service as Bates

Hall runner.

McGrath, A. $156.

Ordered, that Amelia McGrath be allowed for evening service at the Lower Hall delivery desk from January 1, 1886, at $156. per annum.

Jamaica Plain catalogue needed.

A letter from Miss Anna J. Barton, the assistant-in-charge of the Jamaica Plain branch library, was received calling attention to the need of a new catalogue of the books in said branch, and stating that the last catalogue was printed in 1878 and that but ten copies of it now remain. Referred to the Committee on Branches.

Fellowes Ath. Trustees. Dillaway, C.K. Putnam, H.W.

Letters were received from Charles K. Dillaway, Esq., and Henry W. Putnam, Esq., Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum, acknowledging the receipt of the communication of the Board embodying the report of the Committee on Branches, in regard to the contract between the two boards of trustees reported and accepted at the meeting held Nov. 19, and making certain propositions of temporary arrangement, whereupon it was

F. A. contract.

Ordered, that the Librarian be authorized and directed to reply thereto to the effect that the Trustees accept the proposition contained in Mr. Putnam's letter so far as it may be within their legal power, it being understood that the shelving constructed with the sum they allow therefor shall be the property of the City, agreeably to the terms of the contract of 1872.

N.E. petition to have made a circulating library.

A petition was received from certain residents and tax-payers of the North End asking that the North End branch may be made a circulating library. Referred to the Committee on Branches.

Adjourned to Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 3 p.m.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Dec. 23, 1885.

Adjourned meeting.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at three p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the record of the meeting of Dec. 22 was deferred.

Plans.

Voted, that a stack be constructed of 70 × 70 feet and a basement, as arranged for by the rider to Mr. Vinal's plan.

City engineer. New building foundations.

Ordered, that the president be requested to obtain the opinion of the City Engineer as to the desirability of using concrete or piles in the foundation of the new library building.

Plans.

Ordered, that the City Architect be directed to prepare sketch-plans for a building to cover the Dartmouth street front and to extend back from 50 to 80 feet, to consist of three stories and a basement, and to contain all the rooms (except the stack,) embraced in the specifications, but not necessarily of the dimensions set forth therein.

Adjourned,

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, '86.

Tuesday January 19, 1886.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke, and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair

The records of the meetings of December 22 and December 23, 1885, were read and approved.

City government

Communications were received from the City Government as follows: - 1°. Dated January 2, 1886,

Contracts to citizens only

directing that all contracts be awarded — so far as the City Council has any authority — to those who will agree to employ none but citizens of Boston.

Contracts more than $1000. must have Mayor's approval.

2°. Dated Jan. 6, 1886, and signed by the Mayor, notifying that there will be very little more money for 1886-87 than for 1885-86, and calling attention to the new ordinances which provide that all contracts of $1000. and over, must have his approval.

Annual reports may be made in print.

3°. Dated January 7, 1886, authorizing the annual reports to be made in print, and

Auditor's estimates.

4°. Dated also January 7, 1886, signed by the City Auditor, asking for the estimates for expenditures for the coming financial year. Severally read and ordered to be placed on file.

Lawrence bequest $500. to Chn.

A letter dated December 23, 1885, was received from the executors of the will of the late Edward Lawrence, notifying the Trustees of a bequest from him of $500. for the benefit of the Charlestown branch, and saying that this amount was ready to be paid over as soon as the same may be accepted by the Trustees, whereupon it was

Same, accepted.

Voted, that the bequest of $500. of the late Edward Lawrence, for the benefit of the Charlestown branch, be accepted upon the terms proposed by the donor.

Cartee, C. S., decease of.

The Librarian reported that C. S. Cartee, librarian of the Charlestown branch, died Dec. 24, 1885, and that the senior assistant, Miss A. E. Eberle, had been placed in charge of the branch until a librarian is appointed.

Kennedy, Annie M., decease of.

That Annie M. Kennedy, assistant in the Lower Hall, died on December 31, 1885 after a lingering illness.

Piper, Flint.

That Harvey B. Piper, Bates Hall runner, had left the service on January 16, and that he had engaged John C. Flint from January 18, at $182. per annum; subject to the approval of the Board.

Monthly bills. $9304.59

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Feb. 1, 1886, amounting as per cash book of this date to $9304.59; the bills having been duly examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $5994.63

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $5994.63 is hereby specially approved.

Roslindale $13.59

A special requisition on the appropriation for the Roslindale branch of $13.59 was approved by the Board after examination, including an item of $6.94 for salary, which was specially approved.

Fleming £44.9.0

The president reported that he had made a special draft on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., in favor of L. B. Fleming, of £44.9.0. for photographs of colonial maps.

Ordered, that the action of the president be approved.

Bossange, fr. 675

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of L. Bossange for fr. 675. for invoice arrived.

Trübner £100.

Ordered, That the president be authorized to draw on Mesprs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co., for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Stevens £5.15.10

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Mesprs. Baring, Bros., & Co. in favor of B. F. Stevens for £5.15.10. for invoice arrived.

Flint

Ordered, that John C. Flint be allowed at $182. per annum from January 18, 1886.

$120,000. for 1886-7

Voted, to ask for $120,000.00 for the coming library year.

Chin. applications for librarianship

The Librarian reported various applications for the librarianship of the Charlestown branch, which were referred to the Committee on Branches.

Dailies not to be taken for branches

Voted, that no daily paper be taken at the Branches.

N. End

On motion of Mr. Greenough, the question of the continuance, or extension of the North End delivery station was referred to the committee on Branches to consider and report.

Treadwell securities

Mr. Greenough reported that he had collected the dividends of the Treadwell securities and that he had deposited the same with the City Treasurer.

Flint.

Dr. Clarke, from the Committee on Administration, presented the name of John C. Flint as Bates Hall runner from January 18, at $182. per annum. Nomination approved and appointment ordered.

F. A. money

Mr. Greenough reported that an order had been considered by the Board of Aldermen, in respect to the money to be paid by the Fellowes Athenaeum.

City Engineer

That he had had an interview with the City Engineer as to the foundations of the proposed building on the back bay, and that pro-

New building.

gress seemed to be made with the plans.

E. Boston dupe. reported on.

Professor Haynes, from the special committee appointed Oct. 14, "to investigate as to the disposal of duplicates at East Boston," reported the following order,

same, to come to Central Library

Ordered, that the sets of duplicate periodicals now at East Boston, and comprised in the accompanying report of your committee, be transferred from said branch to the duplicate shelves of the main library.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Feb. 16, 1886.

Special meeting

Saturday, Feb. 6, 1886.

A special meeting of the Corporation "to consider the plans of the new library building, and to do such other business as may come before it," was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

Mt. Bowdoin branch wanted.

A communication was received from the City Government dated January 18, 1886, ordering that the Board of Trustees consider the Expediency of establishing a branch library at Mt. Bowdoin, Dorchester. Another communication was also received

Stevens, Hazard, in reference to same.

from Hazard Stevens, Esq., asking for a public hearing on the question. Read and ordered to be peaced on the table.

Yeas and nays called for

On motion of Professor Haynes the following vote was passed by yea and nay vote, all being in the affirmative:

Cartie, C.S. amount due at decease.

Voted, that there be certified to the City Treasurer the fact that there was due to the late C. S. Cartée at the time of his decease the amount of sixty-seven $\frac{32}{100}$ dollars and further that Susan Cartée and Elizabeth F. Cartée, being respectively his widow and his only child, there being no administrator appointed and they being the only persons entitled to his estate are entitled to receive said amount.

Charlestown branch librarianship.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore, the president and Dr. Clarke were directed to consider the filling the vacancy in the office of librarian at the Charlestown branch occasioned by the death of Dr. Cartée.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

Voted, that the Trustees ask the City Council for an appropriation of $120,000. for the coming year, the details to be made up by the president and clerk.

$120.000. to be asked.

Mt. Bowdoin

Mention was made of the application from citizens of Dorchester for a new branch at Mt. Bowdoin. On this latter point the trustees would say that they are opposed to any new branches, that this would cost $10,000.00 to establish, and would require that sum to be specially appropriated. But if a delivery station will satisfy the applicants and is found advisable it can be supplied out of the sum applied for, viz. $120,000.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

New building plans

Ordered, that Mr. Vinal be requested to present a plan showing what changes would be made in the walls of the stack building if natural light were disregarded; also, to make a sketch with a central area for a stack lighted by natural light only; also, to give the probable difference in cost of the stack according to these two plans.

Adjourned to Monday the 15th inst at 2 p.m.

Adjourned

Melvin F. Chamberlain
Clerk

February 15, 1886.

Special meeting

Monday February 15, 1886

An adjourned special meeting of the Corporation to consider the estimates for the annual appropriation and the plans of the new building, was held in the Trustees' room at 2 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of January 19 and February 6, were read and approved.

Annual report

Mr. Greenough read a draft of the annual report, which was approved and adopted as the report of the Board. The opinion was informally expressed that no report would be expected from the Librarian other than the tables of statistics.

Appropriation

The annual appropriation was considered, and the following, both as to the amount and the items, was adopted, by a yea and nay vote, all being in the affirmative: —

Estimates 1886-87

Estimates 1886-87.

Binding,	$ 2000.00
Books,	17000.00
Expenses, misc., water rates, postage and telegrams,	5000.00
Fuel,	3000.00
Furniture and repairing,	1500.00
Gas,	5500.00
Printing catalogues &c.,	8000.00
Salaries, &c.,	75000.00
Stationery,	1000.00
Transportation, &c.,	2000.00
Total	$ 120,000.00

New building plans

Ordered, that the order of February 6, 1886, requesting the City Architect to present a plan showing what changes would be made in the

walls of the stack building if natural light were disregarded; also, to make a sketch with a central area for a stack lighted by natural light only; also, to give the probable difference in cost of the stack according to these two plans, be rescinded.

New building plans

Resolved, that the plan for the new building shall consist substantially of the following features.

same.

1°. A main building to cover the front on Dartmouth street and to contain all the working part of the Library.

2°. A close stack in the rear to contain 500,000 volumes, to be lighted mainly by artificial light, using such windows as can be placed in the outer walls consistently with the architectural effect of the whole.

Yeas and nays

On the first proposition the vote was unanimous, by yeas and nays; on the second, the vote was in the affirmative, by yea and nay, Mr. Greenough voting in the negative.

New building plans.

Ordered, that the City Architect be requested to modify the sketch plan presented by him February 6, so far as is necessary to conform to the foregoing resolve, and present an estimate of the expense as soon as practicable.

Library estate, buildings to be vacated.

Ordered, that the tenants on the Dartmouth street estate be notified by the clerk of the Corporation to vacate the same on or before April 1, 1886.

Buildings to be sold.

Ordered, that the president and Mr. Whitmore take the necessary steps to advertise and sell the buildings on said estate.

Adjourned

Melvin O. Adams
Clerk.

Feb. 20, '86

Saturday, February 20, 1886.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of February 15 were read, amended, and, as amended, approved.

Washington's Birthday

A communication was received from the City Government dated February 1, 1886, ordering that all employees of the City whose services can be dispensed with be allowed a holiday Feb. 22, 1886, without loss of pay. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Treadwell estate

A communication dated Feb. 1. 1886 was received from John Noble, Esq., giving an abstract of the eleventh account of the Trustees of the will of the late Daniel Treadwell. Read and ordered to be placed upon file.

Murray, Ella

The Librarian reported that he had engaged Ella Murray as a Lower Hall runner from January 15, 1886 at $156. per annum, subject to the approval of the Board.

That he had addressed the following communication to the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum, in accordance with the vote of the Board of December 22, 1885:-

Fellowes athenaeum

Contract with

'To the Trustees of the
'Fellowes Athenaeum,
"Gentlemen:
"The following is an Extract from the records of the "Trustees of the Boston Public Library, Dec. 22, 1885:

"Letters were received from Charles K. Dillaway Esq., and Henry W. Putnam, Esq, Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum, acknowledging the receipt

"of the communication of the Board embodying the "report of the Committee on Branches, in regard to the "contract between the two boards of Trustees, reported "and accepted at the meeting held Nov. 19, and making "certain propositions of temporary arrangement, "whereupon it was

Fellowes Athenaeum-, contract with.

"Ordered, that the Librarian be authorized and "directed to reply thereto to the effect that the Trustees "accept the proposition contained in Mr. Putnam's "letter so far as it may be within their legal power, "it being understood that the shelving constructed "with the sum they allow therefor shall be the "property of the City of Boston, agreeably to the terms "of the contract of 1872.'

"By the foregoing order the Trustees have "accepted your proposition of terms for a temporary "arrangement:

F. A. Trustees

"First, that the Trustees of the Fellowes Athen- "aeum from the first of May 1885, will pay month- "ly the salary of the Branch Librarian at the "rate of $600. per annum, and of the janitor at "the rate of $700. per annum.

"Second, that the Trustees of the Fellowes "Atheneaum will not press the provision in the "contract of 1872, that 'as large a sum of money "as has been, or shall be, appropriated for outfit "and maintenance to any other branch library in "said city,' shall be appropriated by the City.

"Third, the Trustees of the Public Library "will pay monthly towards the salary of the Libra- "rian at the rate of $100. per annum.

"Fourth, the Trustees of the Public "Library will not insist that the whole rent "($1600.) for the present financial year, be Ex- "pended for books, in case the Trustees of the

Trustees of Fellowes Athenaeum Contract with

"Fellowes Athenaeum find it inconvenient or inadvisable to do so.

"Fifth, the Trustees of the Public Library will pay one-half (not exceeding $600.) the cost of new shelving, one-half of which shall be and remain the property of the said Trustees of the Public Library.

"It being understood that the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum waive all question of the power of the Trustees of the Public Library to bind the City of Boston, or the successors of said Trustees by the foregoing arrangement.

"It is further understood, the Library year being so far advanced, that the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum, in lieu of the foregoing salaries for 1885-86, shall pay to the Trustees of the Public Library (they being impowered by a recent vote of the City Council to receive the same,) the sum of $1300. less one-half the cost of the new shelving aforesaid."

Murray, Ella. $156.

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Branches, presented the name of Ella Murray for Lower Hall runner from January 15, 1886, at $156. per an. Nomination approved and appointment ordered.

Monthly bills $9884.96

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury March 1, 1886, amounting as per cash book of this date to $9884.96. The bills having been duly examined, were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6063.20

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6063.20 is hereby specially approved.

Roslindale $30.04

A special requisition of $30.04, chargeable to the appropriation for the Roslindale delivery station was also approved by the Board, the included item of $6.94 for salary being specially approved.

Trubner £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner, for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoice to arrive.

Allen, £21.7.6

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., in favor of E. G. Allen, for £21.7.6 for binding British patent specifications.

Murray, Ella $156.

Ordered, that Ella Murray be allowed at $156. per annum from January 15, 1886.

Cartee, Miss E. F.

Ordered, that Miss E. F. Cartee be allowed $58.33 for services at the Charlestown branch from Feb. 1, 1886.

$2000. put with Barings.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to transmit to Messrs Baring Bros. & Co., to be placed to the credit of the Trustees, sterling to the amount of $2000.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

March 3d, '86.

Wednesday, March 3d, 1886.

New library plans.

A special meeting of the Corporation to "inspect the architect's plans for the new library building and to do such other business as may come before it," was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke and Haynes. Mr. Vinal, the City architect was also present with his plans.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was deferred.

Same, elevations to be prepared.

Voted, that the City architect be requested to prepare elevations for a new library building, corresponding with the plans exhibited this day, being the plans with the stack 70 × 80 feet, dated March 3d 1886.

Same, Vote of Feb. 15 amended.

Voted, to amend the vote passed February 15, 1886, so that it shall read "not less than 500,000."

Province Laws of 1759 exchanged Hon. J. L. Nelson.

Voted, to exchange the copy of the Massachusetts laws of 1759 [*6410.60] with Hon. J. L. Nelson, for the Worcester Law Library.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday March 16, 1886.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke, and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Feb. 20, 1886, and March 3d were read and approved.

Flint, J. and Dwyer, D.

The Librarian reported that John Flint and Daniel Dwyer, Bates Hall runners left the service on February 13 and March 6 respectively, and that he had engaged George Whalen at $182. per annum for the same service from February 28, subject to the approval of the Board.

Whalen, G.

Cartée, Miss E. F. appointed Librarian at Chn.

Ordered, that Miss Elizabeth F. Cartée be appointed Librarian of the Charlestown branch at the rate of $700. per annum from March 1, 1886.

Non-resident cards.

Voted, that non-resident cards be given to all the non-resident students of the qualified institutions in the city.

Adjourns

Voted, that when the Board adjourns it be to the 23rd inst. at 3 p.m.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

March 23d 1886.

Tuesday, March 23d, 1886.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

Mr. Vinal, the city architect, was also present.

Monthly bills $10.513.96

Professor Haynes for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury April 1, amounting as per cash book of this date to $10,513.96. The bills having been duly examined, were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll $6027,60

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $6027.60 is hereby specially approved.

Roslindale $14.92

A special requisition of $14.92, including an item of $6.94 for salary, chargeable to the appropriation for the Roslindale delivery was approved by the Board, after examination, the item for salary being specially approved.

Trübner, £100.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Demerlich, M. 2086.43

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & co. in favor of G. Demerlich for M. 2086.43 for invoices arrived.

Bossange, fr. 31.90

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of L. Bossange for fr. 31.90 for books received by mail.

Stevens £1.11.2

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & co. in favor of B. F. Stevens for £1.11.2. to square accounts.

Ordered, that George Whalen be allowed

at the rate of $182 per annum from February 28, 1886. — Whalen, G.

Dr. Clarke, from the Committee on Administration presented the name of George Whalen for Bates Hall runner from Feb. 28 at $182. per annum. Nomination approved and appointment ordered. — same.

Borings on new library lot.

Ordered, that the city architect be directed to make borings on the Library lot on the Back Bay, with the view to ascertain the character of the foundations requisite for the proposed Library building.

New building to be set back.

Ordered, that the new library building be set back so that the southeasterly corner thereof shall coincide with the junction of St. James street and Huntington avenue.

Permission to be asked to lay foundation

Ordered, that the president, in behalf of the Trustees, be requested to apply to the Inspector of Buildings for a permit to lay the foundations of the stack of the new library building.

Adjourned

Melvin Ehrenbaum
Clerk.

March 29, 1886.

Monday, March 29, 1886.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Haynes and Whitmore. Mr. Vinal, the City Architect, was also present.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

Report on character of soil

Mr. Vinal submitted a report of George N. Cavanagh as to the formation of the soil on the new library lot for piling.

New building, motion to reconsider vote to set back.

Mr. Whitmore moved to reconsider the vote passed at the last meeting as to setting back the Dartmouth street front twenty-five feet.

Yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were called for with the following result:

Greenough, No.
Abbott, No.
Haynes, No.
Whitmore, Yes.

Mr. Whitmore presented the following:-

Mr. Whitmore's protest.

"Boston, March 29, 1886.

"I protest against placing the Dartmouth street "line of the library building so far from the street "as to place nearly one-eighth of the total area in "such position as to be virtually sacrificed and thrown "into the street. I believe the plan heretofore sub-"mitted by the City Architect placing the building "eight feet from the street line is the best one "to be adopted.

[Signed] "W. H. Whitmore"

Adjourned.

Adjourned to Tuesday April 6, at 3 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday, April 6th 1886.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke, Haynes and Mr. Vinal, the City Architect.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was deferred.

New building can be built for $425,000.

Mr. Vinal expressed the opinion that the new building, together with the foundation, could be built for $425,000.00.

Piles, proposals for driving to be advertised for.

Voted, that the City Architect be directed to advertise forthwith for proposals for driving the piles for the foundation of the new library building on the Back Bay.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday Apr. 20, '86

Tuesday April 20, 1886

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of March 16th, March 23d March 29th and April 6th were read and approved.

Memorial day, holiday.

A communication dated April 5, 1886 was received from the City Government ordering that all persons in the employ of the City, whose services can be spared be allowed a holiday on Memorial day without loss of pay. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

North End branch rooms asked for by School Board.

A communication dated April 2d, 1886 was received from E. H. Darling, Esq. in behalf of the Committee of the School Board having charge of the North End schools, notifying the Trustees that the rooms in the Hancock school now occupied as a branch library will be required for school purposes after July 1. 1886. Referred to a special committee to consist of Messrs. Clarke, Haynes and Whitmore.

Auditor of accounts, letter from.

A letter dated March 24 from the City Auditor was received explaining the reasons for the special approval of the pay-roll. Referred to Miss A. A. Nichols, the Library auditor.

Grady, Edw.

The Librarian reported that he had engaged Edward Grady as Bates Hall runner from April 1st at $182 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board.

Do.

Mr. Haynes, from the committee on administration, presented the name of Edward Grady as Bates Hall runner from April 1, 1886 at $182. per annum. Nomination approved and appointment ordered.

Mr. Haynes, for the committee on finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury May 1, 1886, amounting as per cash book of this date

to $9778.84. The bills having been duly examined, were approved by the Board.

Monthly bills. $9778.84

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition and amounting to $5966.31 is hereby specially approved.

Pay-roll $5966.31

Ordered, that a special requisition amounting to $124.37 for auctioneer's services, chargeable to the appropriation for the Dartmouth street estate is hereby approved.

$124.37 auctioneer's bill

Ordered, that the president be authorized to make a special draft on the trust-funds now in the City Treasury, amounting to $317.26 for books purchased at the Crosby, Dorman, and Frederick sales.

$317.26 special draft for books.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to remit to Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. the income of the trust-funds amounting to $6980.00, deducting therefrom $317.26, being the amount of special draft for the purchase of books of permanent value by Burns and Son of New York.

$6980. income of trust-funds.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros & Co. in favor of N. Trübner for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Trübner £100.

Ordered, that Edward Grady be allowed from April 1st at $182. per annum.

Grady, Edw.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to receipt for the interest of the trust-funds.

Trust-funds, president to receipt for.

A communication from Rev. A. S. Twombly and Rev. Pitt Dillingham was received requesting as an experiment that deliveries of books by the box system, now in use at Deer Island, the Engine houses, etc., be extended to the Charlestown Young Men's Christian association, was granted, subject to the conditions set forth in the appli-

Twombly, A. S. and Dillingham, Pitt petition in behalf of Chas. Y. M. C. A.

cation.

Salaries — Several applications for increase of salary were received, which were referred to the next meeting, the fact that such consideration will be had to appear in the notifications of the meeting.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

(Clerk)

Monday, May 3d 1886. — Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 12 M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke and Haynes.

The clerk read a communication from the City clerk certifying to the election of Samuel A. B. Abbott as a trustee of the Public Library for five years from the first Monday in May, 1886. — Abbott, S. A. B. Trustee.

Mellen Chamberlain, the clerk, called to order.

William W. Greenough was elected president and took the chair. — President elected.

Mellen Chamberlain was chosen clerk of the Corporation and took the oath of office as appears by the following certificate: — Clerk, chosen.

Suffolk, ss. May 3rd 1886

Then personally appeared the above named Mellen Chamberlain and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of Clerk of the Corporation.

Before me

Wm. W. Greenough

Justice of the Peace.

Ordered, that the present by-laws (except so far as relates to committees.) be in force until otherwise ordered. — By-laws.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to transfer $88. belonging to the Treadwell bequest to the Library appropriation for the present year. — Treadwell money

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to invest $2000. paid on account of the Treadwell bequest in four per cent bonds. — do.

Mr. Greenough reported that Mr. John Noble, executor of the Treadwell estate, had passed over — do.

two thousand dollars which had been paid into the City Treasury.

Richards, Florence tr. to S. End

Ordered, that Florence Richards be transferred temporarily to the South End branch, and that the Librarian be authorized to temporarily supply her place as Mr. Knapp's assistant.

Mayor's circular

Circular number 8 was received from His honor the Mayor, requesting that no new contracts be made, or new work commenced until the matter of the appropriation bill is finally settled. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Adjourned.

Nellie Shambaugh

Clerk.

Special meeting

Wednesday May 13, 1886.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m., "to "consider the architect's plans, and to do such other "business as may come before it."

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Haynes, and Mr. Vinal, the City architect.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

New library lot.

Voted, that the clerk be directed to notify the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners, and the President, Directors and Fellows of Harvard College that the construction of the library building upon the land on St. James avenue, Dartmouth and Boylston streets, requires the immediate removal of the drain between the lands of said parties and Dartmouth street, and request them to remove the same.

Drain from Harvard Medical School.

Adjourned

Nellie Shambaugh

Clerk

Tuesday May 18, '86

Tuesday May 18, 1886.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of April 20, May 3, and May 13 were read and approved.

Mayor's circulars

Circulars number 8 and 9, dated May 1st and May 7th respectively, were received from His Honor, the Mayor, both calling attention to the section of the City charter which provides that "no expenditure shall be made, nor liability incurred, for any purpose beyond the appropriation duly made therefor." Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Saturday half-holiday

An order was received from the City Government dated May 10 ordering that in part compensation for their services all employes of the City Except those whose services are indispensable, be allowed a half-day's vacation, without loss of pay, on Saturday afternoons during June July and August, 1886. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

N. E. branch, new location to be found

Also an order from the City government requesting the Trustees to find another location for the North End branch and to report the cost of the change. Referred to the special committee consisting of Messrs. Clarke, Haynes and Whitmore, appointed April 20th to consider the notification of the School Board to vacate the Hancock School

Mt. Bowdoin, branch wanted.

Four petitions addressed to the Mayor and City Council from citizens of Mt. Bowdoin, Dorchester, were received asking for the establishment of a branch library at that section, whereupon it was

Ordered, that the president and clerk draw up a statement regarding the policy of the Trustees

in relation to the institution of branches and delivery stations, together with the work accomplished by those already in Existence, and the cost of establishment and maintenance of the same.

New building, first pile driven. April 21, 1886.

The Librarian reported that in company with the president he witnessed the driving of the first pile for the foundation of the new library building at 4.18½ on the afternoon of April 21, 1886.

Hine, E. C. resigns.

He laid before the Board the resignation of Miss Edith C. Hine, of the catalogue department, to take effect with the close of the present month.

Richards, Florence transferred.

He further reported that agreeably to the authority of the Board given at the meeting of May 3d, 1886, he had transferred Florence Richards on May 4th temporarily to the South End branch.

Hunter K. M.

That he had engaged Kathleen M. Hunter as a lower hall runner at $156. per annum from May 10, 1886. Subject to the approval of the Board.

Putnam, Alice M.

That he had temporarily engaged Alice M. Putnam as assistant upon pamphlets and newspapers in place of Florence Richards, transferred to the South End branch, from May 10, subject to the approval of the Board.

M. Conroy.

That Maurice Conroy, lower hall runner, left the service on April 20, 1886.

Hunter.

Mr. Haynes presented the name of Kathleen M. Hunter as lower hall runner from May 10, 1886, at $156. per annum. Nomination approved and appointment ordered.

Monthly bills, $8585.92

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury June 1st 1886 amounting as per cash book of this date to $8585.92.

Ordered, that for the ensuing year the president be authorized to draw monthly on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Messrs. N. Trübner

Trübner, £100. monthly.

Hunter, $156.

Finance a/c. to be reported monthly.

Binders, one week leave of absence

Branch hours modified for summer.

L. H. &c. to close one hour earlier for summer.

New building, piling

New library lot, drain from Medical School

Committee on same.

&c for an amount not exceeding £100. for invoices to arrive.

Ordered, that Kathleen M. Hunter be allowed from May 10, at $156. per annum.

Ordered, that the Clerk report each month the state of the finance account.

Ordered, that the employes of the bindery be allowed one week leave of absence for the present year, without loss of pay.

Ordered, that the branch librarians may arrange the hours of service for the months of June, July and August, of the present year, so that the female employees may have in turn one forenoon a week, provided, however, that this privilege shall not be allowed when the service requires attendance.

Ordered, that the lower hall, branches and reading-room be closed one hour earlier than usual, beginning Monday May 31st and ending Saturday August 28th, 1886.

Mr. Vinal, the city architect, appeared and requested a vote of the Trustees directing a contract to be made for the piling for the main building on Dartmouth street. After a conference of some length, Mr. Vinal was requested to meet the Board on Wednesday the 19th inst. and present plans, specifications, and estimates for the piling as proposed.

Mr. Greenough presented a communication dated May 17 from the Harbor and Land commissioners, stating that a conference will be had at their office on Thursday May 20th, at 12 o'clock, in respect to the sewer on the library estate.

Ordered, that the president and Mr. Abbott be requested, in behalf of the Board of Trustees, to attend the meeting of said commissioners, with full powers.

Mr. Greenough presented a communication

$500. from J. I. Bowditch.

from J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Esq. enclosing a cheque for $500. for the purchase of books for the Bowditch mathematical collection.

Voted, that the special thanks of the Board be conveyed to Mr. Bowditch for this renewed instance of his liberality.

Harris bequest.

Mr. Greenough also called attention to the will of Charlotte Harris creating the fund for the benefit of the Charlestown branch for the purchase of books published before 1850, and represented the desirability of having some modification of its terms so as to allow the purchase of books of permanent value irrespective of date. Referred to a special committee consisting of Mr. Abbott.

Dr. Clarke in Chair.

Mr. Greenough retired and Dr. Clarke took the chair.

Salaries

Consideration of the salary list for the coming year was had. Certain salaries were increased and the subject was postponed for further action.

Adjourned to Wednesday, the 19th inst. at 3 p.m.

Adjourned

Ellen Shaw Swan
Clerk.

May 19, 1886.

Wednesday, May 19th 1886.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of May 18 were read and approved.

New building, plans, &c. for piling

Mr. Vinal, the city architect, presented a plan, specification and estimate of the proposed piling for the main library building on Dartmouth street, said plan being dated May 19, 1886, and identified by the President of the Board of Trustees. The plan and specification having been examined by the Board were approved, and it was

do.

Ordered, that the city architect be requested to advertise for proposals for the piling of said proposed library building, agreeably to the requirements of the city ordinances.

City architect, asks for a temporary structure.

The city architect presented the following:

"Architect's Department
"City of Boston.
"Arthur H. Vinal, City Architect.
"Hours, 12 to 1.30 o'clock.
"City Hall, May 19, 1886.

"Trustees Boston Public Library,

"Gentlemen: The City Architect hereby "petitions for leave to erect a small building, or "shed, on the lot of the new library building, Dart-"mouth street, for the purpose of containing working "plans etc. during construction, at an Estimated cost "of $150.00 One Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

"Respectfully
[signed] "A. H. Vinal,
"City Archt."

Ordered, that the City architect be authorized to erect a small building or shed, at an Expense not to exceed $150, agreeably to his request of this date.

The consideration of the pay-roll of the library for the year 1886-87 was resumed, and it was

Ordered, that the same be as follows:- Pay-roll, 1886-87

Pay-roll
1886-87.

Chamberlain, Mellen	$4000.
Whitney, James L.	2500.
Knapp, Arthur M.	2000.
Carret, J. Francisco	2000.
Foster, William H.	1800.
Griffin, A. P. C.	1600.
Ford, William E.	1500.
Gray, Louis F.	1500.
Swift, Lindsay	1100.
Hunt, Edwin B.	1000.
Adams, Wm. G.	900.
Pike, Harriet N.	900.
Nichols, A. A.	900.
Fuller, Edith D.	900.
Blake, Harriet C.	700.
Burnell, Kittie	700.
Reed, Eliz. T.	650.
Miller, Annie C.	650.
McGrath, M. A.	600.
Knowles, Lydia F.	600.
Dame, Agnes R.	600.
Browne, Alice	600.
White, John	600.
Hine, Edith C.	550.
Monahan, Wm.	550.
Gould, Ida W.	550.
Young, Wm. M. L.	500.

Pay-roll 1886-7

	Roffe, Wm.	$600. day; $300. evng.	$900.
	Morrison, John		450.
	Twickler, Louise		400.
	Doyle, Agnes C.		350.
	McLaughlin, Ed.		208.
	Reardon, J. H.		208.
	Bateman, J. J.		208.
	Keenan, J. J.		208.
	Taff, Thomas		182.
	Gorman, Patrick D.		182.
	Grady, Edw.		182.
	Turner, Arthur H.		182.
	Whalen, George		182.
Lower Hall	Tiffany, Edward		1500.
	Blaisdell, Frank C.		900.
	Jenkins, Mary A.		850.
	Rice, Edwin F.		600.
	Poree, C. E.		600.
	Mack, E. J.		550.
	Mack, S. A.		550.
	Shea, A. G.		400.
	Sheridan, Minnie		260.
	Briggs, Rebecca		260.
	Twickler, Julia		260.
	Tisdale, J. E. (evening)		300.
	McGrath, Amelia "		156.
	Briggs, Eleanor		182.
	Nurenberg, Esther		208.
	Murray, Agnes C.		156.
	Murray, Ella		156.
	Hunter, Kathleen M.		156.
	Eastman R. M. @ .45 per hour.		300.
	Putnam, Alice M.		350.
	Substitutes and Extra assistants @ .33, .25, and .10 an hour, say		750.

Pay-roll 1886-7

Bindery	Blake, Andrew M.	$1200.
	Sanford, Peleg B.	1040.
	Sampson, W. F.	1000.
	Ryder, Frank	1000.
	Signere, Arthur	780.
	Hemstead, Wm.	780.
	Wheeler, Martha	494.
	Moriarty, M. G.	494.
	Bowen, S. E.	494.
	Dumas, Sarah	416.
	Morton, M. J.	364.
	Murphy, John F.	312.
	Roslund, M.	300.
South Boston	Bullard, N. J.	700.
	Baker, Joseph	600.
	Eaton, Ellen A.	600.
	Sampson, Ida.	500.
	Watson, Mary	450.
	Watson, Reata	300.
	Substitutes & Extras @ 25¢ & 8¢ an hour, say	136.
South End	DeBorges, Grace A.	700.
	Morse, Maude M.	550.
	Sheridan, Margaret A.	550.
	Arkinson, Mary	350.
	Lynch, Emma	156.
	Sheridan, Peter	182.
	Richards, Florence	350.
	Substitutes and Extras @ 25¢ & 10¢ an hour, say	50.
Roxbury	Bunker, Sarah	100.
	Bell, Helen, M.	500.
	Puffer, Dora	450.
	Berry, Lizzie C.	450.
	Crowell, Helen R.	300.
	Substitutes @ 25¢ & 8¢ an hour, say	360.

Pay-roll 1886-7

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Dorchester and Deliveries	Coffin, Mary G.		700.
	Davenport, Edw.		400.
	Sheridan, Jennie		500.
	Pike, Frances W.		426.
	Watson, Lucy A.		400.
	Hill, M. A.	Lower Mills	300.
	Moulton, Luther	"	120.
	Atkinson, H. L.	Mattapan	125.
	Powars, Grace E.	Neponset	125.
	Substitutes & Extras @ 25¢ & 8¢ an hour, say		50.
Brighton	Brock, Mary E.		600.
	Brock, James M.		500.
	Grailey, M. J.		350.
	Subs. & Extras @ 25¢ & 8¢ an hour, say		135.
Jamaica Plain	Barton, Anna J.		550.
	Johnson, Timothy		300.
	Riley, Nellie F.		500.
	Barton, Margaret S.		350.
	Richards, Julia W.	West Roxbury	100.
	Davis, J. M.	"	25.
	Bowthorpe, S. J.	Roslindale	83.33
	Subs. and Extras @ 25¢ & 8¢ an hour, say		60.
Charlestown	Cartee, Elizabeth J.		700.
	Eberle, Annie J.		500.
	Irwain, Mary L.		500.
	Smith, Thomas E.		300.
	Livermore, Sarah E.		300.
	Willoughby, Alice		156.
	Subs. and Extras.		150.
East Boston	Godbold, Sarah C.		700.
	Hosea, George H.		600.
	Pray, Mary R.		500.
	Wing, Alice M.		500.
	Cathcart, Mary E.		350.
	Subs. and Extras		270.

Pay-roll

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North End.	Davis, Eliza R.		700.
	Mooney, C. G.		300.
	Fleming, J. P.		300.
	Subs. and Extras @ 25¢ & 8¢ per hour, say		50.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to approve the pay rolls of employed when made up according to the regular schedule, and certified to by the librarian. Approval of same

Adjourned to Friday, May 21st, at 3 p.m.

Melvin G. Cornwallis
Clerk.

May 21, 1886

Friday May 21st 1886.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, and Haynes, and Mr. Vinal, the City architect.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

New building, foundation for stack.

Mr. Vinal submitted a plan, specifications, and estimates for the foundation of the stack building for the new library building on Dartmouth street, said plan being dated May 21, 1886, and identified by the president of the Board of Trustees. The plan and specification were examined and approved by the Board, and it was

Same.

Voted, that the City architect be requested to advertise for bids for the foundation of the stack building, agreeably to the requirements of the City ordinances.

Yeas and nays

On motion of Mr. Haynes

Ordered, that the question be taken by yeas and nays.

Yea, Greenough,
" Abbott
" Haynes.

Drain from Med. School.

Voted, that the questions respecting the drain through the new library lot be referred to Messrs. Greenough and Abbott with full powers.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Wednesday June 9, 1886.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p. m., to appoint the Examining committee for the present year, to consider the present condition of the Library contracts, and to pass the votes necessary to provide for the proposed absence of the president.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Clarke.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the record of the last two meetings was deferred.

Quorum of 2, temporarily.

Ordered, that until otherwise ordered, that two members of the Board shall constitute a quorum thereof.

New library lot, drain from Med. Sch.

Mr. Abbott laid before the Board letters dated May 25, 1886 from the Corporation counsel and Mr. Day in relation to the drain running from the grounds of the Harvard Medical school through the new library lot. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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Mr. Greenough stated that this drain threatened to become a nuisance and to interfere with the progress of the work upon the new library building. He said that the interview of the committee with the Harbor and Land commissioners resulted in nothing satisfactory, they disclaiming any interest in the matter whereupon it was

do.

Ordered, in accordance with the opinion of the Corporation counsel, that the president and Fellows of Harvard college have no right of drainage through or upon the lot of land bounded by Boylston and Dartmouth streets, and St. James avenue and in view of the fact that the longer continuance of the drain pipe now thereon interferes with the progress of the Library building, and threatens to become a nuisance, that the Clerk is

hereby directed to request said President and Fellows (by a certified copy of this vote) to remove said drain pipe before the 16th instant, otherwise the Trustees will be compelled to remove the same at the Expense of said President and Fellows, and prevent the flow of drainage matter upon said library lot.

The following business was transacted by common consent.

New library plans. photographs for Trustees.

Ordered, that the City architect be requested to furnish each of the Trustees with a set of photograph plans of the elevation and the room divisions of the new library building.

School Board to be addressed regarding removal of N. E. branch from Hancock Sch.

Ordered, that the Librarian address a communication to the School committee, to the effect that the Trustees if deprived of the use of the rooms now occupied by the North End delivery station, will be obliged to discontinue said delivery to the manifest inconvenience of the inhabitants of that section of the City, the difficulty of finding any other suitable rooms and after the great Expense of fitting up the present rooms making its further continuance impracticable.

Richards, Florence Salary $375.

Ordered, that the salary of Florence Richards now at the South End branch be at the rate of $375. per annum from May 1, 1886.

Day, Wm. 25¢ an hour, 2 hrs a day.

Ordered, that William Day, evening receiving clerk in the Lower hall, receive twenty-five cents an hour for two hours a night from May 1st 1886, unless the Librarian thinks it best to employ a runner on full time.

Adams, Wm. F. to be discharged.

Ordered, that the night watchman, William F. Adams, be discharged from the service, when the Librarian has found another person to fill his place.

Examining Com. 1886.

The following gentlemen were chosen for the Examining committee for the present year:

Henry P. Bowditch, M. D.

Rev. Pitt Dillingham — Alternates.
Colonel Henry Stone
Mrs. Charles D. Homans — Solomon Lincoln, Esq.
Mrs. Chas. C. Smith — Charles E. Stratton, Esq.
John O. Teele, Esq. — Frederick S. Shattuck, M.D.
Rev. Edw. H. Welch
Henry H. Edes, Esq.
William F. Wharton, Esq

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

June 15, 1886.

Tuesday, June 15, 1886.

The regular meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott and Clarke.

Dr. Clarke was appointed president pro tem.

The records of the meetings of May 19 and 21st, and June 9 were read and approved.

Orders were received from the City Government as follows:

June 17

One dated May 24th ordering that the City Hall and other public buildings be closed June 17th, and that flags be displayed on the public buildings; the second, of the same date ordering that members of the Grand Army of the Republic in the employ of the city be allowed two weeks additional leave of absence without loss of pay for the purpose of attending the encampment at San Francisco the first week in August; the third dated June 8, ordered that all employes of the City be allowed a holiday without loss of pay June 17. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Additional leave to members of G.A.R.

Hine, E. C. leaves.

The Librarian reported that Miss Edith C. Hine had left the service May 31, 1886, agreeably to her resignation reported by him May 18, and that he had engaged Miss M. A. Rollins in her place from May 24, at $500. per annum; subject to the approval of the Board.

Rollins, M. H.

Adams, W. F. leaves.

That William F. Adams left the service Tuesday forenoon, the 15th of June, and his place as night-watchman was filled the same day by John L. Williams, subject to the approval of the Board, at the rate of $2.50 per night.

Williams, John L.

That Mr. Greenough sailed in the Gallia for Europe the 10th of June.

That conformably to the direction of the Board of June 9th, he had sent letters of which the following are

copies:

"To the President and Fellows of Harvard College,

"Gentlemen:

"I am directed by the "Trustees of the Boston Public Library to send you a tran-"script of certain minutes and orders from their records "of a meeting held June 9, 1886, and hereto appended.

"Respectfully,

[Signed] "Mellen Chamberlain

"Clerk."

"Extract. Mr. Greenough called up the subject of the "special meeting, relating to the condition of the broken "drain from the Medical College across the library land.xxx

Drain from Med. Sch.

"Ordered, in accordance with the opinion of the "Corporation Counsel that the President and Fellows of "Harvard College have no right of drainage through or upon "the lot of land bounded by Boylston street, Dartmouth "street, and St. James avenue, and in view of the fact "that the longer continuance of the drain pipe now "thereon interferes with the progress of the library "building, and threatens to become a nuisance, that the "Clerk is hereby directed to request said President and "Fellows (by sending them a certified copy of this vote) "to remove said drain pipe before the 16th inst., other-"wise the Trustees will be compelled to remove the same "at the expense of the said President and Fellows, and "prevent the flow of drainage matter upon said library "lot.

"A true copy.

"Attest:

[signed] "Mellen Chamberlain

"Clerk."

"To the School Committee:

"The Trustees of the

"Public Library received a communication dated April "2, 1886, signed by Edwin H. Darling, informing them "that the School Committee desire after the first of "July the use of the rooms in the Hancock School, now "occupied by the North End delivery station. Whereupon "the Trustees immediately, through a sub-committee, "made diligent search in that vicinity for rooms "suitable for their purposes; but without success. "Besides, after the large Expense incurred by the "City in fitting up the present rooms, they feel that "they would apply to the City Council with little con-"fidence of success, for a special appropriation for "the rent and fitting up of another room, could one "be found.

N. E. branch premises required by Sch. Com.

"The North End delivery has done a good work, "and is generally acceptable to the citizens among "whom it is located; and it is believed that they would "see it abandoned with regret. But that seems to be "the only alternative. Therefore, with these facts before "them, in behalf of the Trustees, I respectfully request "a reconsideration of the question, by the School Committee.

"Your obedient servant

[signed] "Mellen Chamberlain.

"Librarian."

"P.S. If agreeable, the Trustees would like a con-"ference with the Committee, or any sub-committee "thereof, respecting the foregoing matter."

Monthly bills $8407.06

The Library Auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury July 1, 1886, amounting as per cash book of this date to $8407.06.

Allen, Edw. G. £8.18.6

Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Edward G. Allen for £8.18.6. for binding British patent specifications.

Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of B. F. Stevens for £66.3.10. for invoice arrived.

Stevens £66.3.10

Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Henry Gray for £6.18.0 for the "Visitation of Devon," and "Visitation of Cumberland."

Gray, Henry £6.18.0.

Ordered, that the president, pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of G. Denerlich for M. 1844.52 for invoice arrived.

Denerlich M. 1844.52

Ordered, that Miss M. H. Rollins be allowed as cataloguer from May 24, 1886 at a salary at the rate of $500. per annum.

Rollins

Ordered, that John L. Williams be allowed as night-watchman at $2.50 per night from June 15, 1886.

Williams.

Ordered, that Miss Alice M. Putnam be allowed at $350. per annum from May 10, 1886.

Putnam

The names of Charles E. Stratton, Esq., and Frederick S. Shattuck, M.D., were added to the list of the Examining Committee as alternates.

Stratton, C.E., and Shattuck, F.S. on Exam. Comm.

Adjourned,

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

July 20, 1886.

Tuesday, July 20, 1886.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at three p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott and Clarke.

Dr. Clarke was elected president pro tem. and took the chair.

The records of the meeting of June 15 were read and approved.

Third Corps members allowed extra leave.

A communication was received from the City Government dated June 14, 1886, ordering that all city employes who are members of the Third Corps be allowed additional leave of absence without loss of pay from June 30 to July 4.

City property, disposal of.

Mayor's circular no. 11, dated June 1st 1886 was received, calling attention of the heads of departments to Sec. 16, chap. 4 of the Revised ordinances, which provides that no property of the City, exceeding $25. in amount shall be disposed of without the consent of the Mayor or City council; also, to sec. 5, chap. 17, providing that no proposal shall be received from any person offering to contract for such work, unless the same is sealed. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Delegation of citizens in regard to N. E.

Messrs. Matthew Keany, John W. Fraser, Henry Splaine and James W. Cotter, citizens of the North End appeared before the Board in relation to the closing of the North End branch. They recommended its reopening and continuance and suggested as a desirable location certain rooms at 231 Hanover street, and the librarian was directed to examine these rooms as to their fitness for a branch.

Camera for city architect's use.

Mr. Vinal, the city architect also appeared and stated that he had made no photographs of his plans for the new library building for the trustees as requested because he had no lens large enough.

Voted, that the City Architect be authorized to purchase a lens at a cost not to exceed $150, said lens to be the property of the Trustees.

New library building foundations for.

Voted, that the City architect be requested to contract for the foundation of the new library building on the same specifications and terms, and with the same parties as those for the foundation of the stack.

Examining Com.

The Librarian reported that the examining committee had all accepted with the exception of Dr. H. P. Bowditch, and that Mr. W. F. Wharton had then been invited and had accepted.

Bunker, Sarah resigns.

He presented the resignation of Miss Sarah Bunker librarian of the Roxbury branch to take effect July 1, 1886. Also the application, endorsed by the full board of Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum, of Miss Helen M. Bell for the position thus vacated.

Bell, Helen M.

Miss Bell was therefore elected librarian of the Roxbury branch from August 1, 1886, at a salary at the rate of $700. per annum.

Same.

Puffer, Dora salary $500.

A petition was received from Miss Dora Puffer of the same branch to have her salary increased from $450. to $500. per annum.

Ordered, that the salary of Miss Dora Puffer be at the rate of $500. per annum from August 1st.

Berry, L. C. promoted.

Ordered, that Miss Lizzie C. Berry of the Roxbury branch be advanced to the place of first assistant at a salary at the rate of $500. per annum from August 1, 1886.

Griggs, S. W.

Ordered, that Miss S. W. Griggs be appointed a regular assistant in Miss Berry's place at a salary at the rate of $450. per annum from August 1, 1886.

Kilborn, C. H.

He laid before the Board the correspondence with Mr. C. H. Kilborn, whose card had been detained for a violation of a library rule. He was authorized to return the card to Mr. Kilborn.

Daff, Thomas

He reported that Thomas Daff and John J. Bate-

Bateman, John J.
Tilden, J. Fred
Keenan, M. J.

man, Bates Hall runners left the service on June 30, and that he had engaged J. Fred Tilden and Matthew J. Keenan in their places at $182. per annum, each, from July 6 and August 1, respectively, subject to the approval of the Board.

N. E. premises vacated

That upon a notification of the school board dated June 22, but received July 1, 1886, informing the Trustees that the rooms in the Hancock school used for the North End branch would be required after July 1 for school purposes, he had consulted with Mr. Whitmore, one of the trustees, and upon his direction had had all the books, furniture and fixtures transferred on July 6th to the Central library, where they are now stored, and had ordered the Librarian and her assistant to report to the Central library for duty. The janitor's services had been dispensed with July 8.

S. A. B. Abbott, president, pro tem.

Dr. Clarke left the chair and Mr. S. A. B. Abbott was elected president pro tem.

Monthly bills $9031.24.

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury August 1, 1886, amounting as per cash book of this date to $9031.24.

Stevens, £25.3.9.

Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. and co. in favor of B. F. Stevens for £25.3.9. for books purchased at the Henry Stevens sale.

Tilden, J. Fred.

Ordered, that J. Fred Tilden be allowed from July 6, at $182. per annum.

Keenan, M. J.

Ordered, that Matthew J. Keenan be allowed from August 1, at $182. per annum.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Tuesday, August 17, 1886

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Mr. Abbott.

Mr. Abbott took the chair as president pro tem.

The reading of the records of the meeting of July 20 was deferred.

The Librarian reported that all changes in the service at the Roxbury branch authorized at the meeting of the Board of July 20 had been effected.

Crowell, H. R. leaves. Griffiths, Mary.

He further reported that Miss H. R. Crowell of the same branch had sent in her resignation to take effect Sept. 1, and he recommended that Mary Griffiths be appointed to her place at a salary at the rate of $300. per annum from Sept. 1, 1886.

Blake, H. C. resigns.

That Miss H. C. Blake had presented her resignation to take effect Sept. 1, 1886. Placed on file.

Turner, A. H. leaves. Casey, James.

That Arthur H. Turner, Bates Hall runner, had left the service on July 31, and he had engaged James Casey in his place from August 16, 1886, at $182. per annum, subject to the approval of the Board.

Fiske, A. W. N. E. new Location proposed.

He laid before the board a letter from Mrs. A. W. Fiske as to the probability of the library acquiring rooms for the North End branch on the corner of Salem and North Bennet streets, but that no final decision can be had before August 27. The librarian was directed to enquire upon what terms the library can have these rooms.

Stevens, Hazard. proposed delivery at Mt. Bowdoin.

That General Hazard Stevens had called in relation to the establishment of a branch or delivery station at Mt. Bowdoin, Dorchester, as petitioned for, and the matter was referred to the next meeting.

Branches, time books.

He reported a plan of time books for the branches. Report accepted and the recommendations adopted.

Casey, James.

James Casey was appointed a Bates Hall runner

from August 16, at $182. per annum.

Griffiths, Mary. — Miss Mary Griffiths was appointed an assistant in the Roxbury branch at a salary at the rate of $300. per annum from Sept. 1, 1886.

Monthly bills $9014.47 — The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Sept. 1, 1886, amounting as per cash-book of this date to $9014.47.

Trübner £106.6.11 — Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £106.6.11 for invoice arrived.

Deuerlich M. 1536.07 — Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of G. Deuerlich for M. 1536.07

Stevens £0.15.6 — Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of B. F. Stevens for £0.15.6. to balance accounts.

Casey James — Ordered, that James Casey be allowed from August 16, at $182. per annum.

Griffiths, Mary. — Ordered, that Mary Griffiths be allowed from Sept. 1 at $300. per annum.

Adjourned

Melleen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1886.

No quorum. — The regular meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m. There being no quorum, the Board adjourned to Tuesday Sept. 21, at the same hour.

Melleen Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday Sept. 21, 1886.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough and Abbott.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of July 20 and August 17 were read and approved; the proceedings of August 17 and acts done in accordance therewith were ratified and confirmed.

The Librarian reported the state of the finances.

Blake, H. C., resigns — He also reported that Miss H. C. Blake had left the service August 31, agreeably to her resignation presented at the meeting of August 17.

Hutchins, A. E. — Ordered, that the Librarian enquire whether Miss Hutchins, formerly in the library service, would return to fill Miss Blake's place.

Crowell, H. R. — That Miss H. R. Crowell had left the Roxbury service August 31, agreeably to her resignation also presented August 17.

Tilden, J. F., and Casey, James. — That J. Fred. Tilden and James Casey, Bates Hall runners, had left the service on August 31, and Sept. 4, respectively.

Donahoe, James P. — That he had engaged James P. Donahue as Bates Hall runner from August 25, 1886 at $182. per annum; subject to the approval of the Board.

Tisdale, J. E. — He presented the resignation of J. E. Tisdale, evening registration clerk, which took effect Sept. 15.

Applications for Tisdale's position.

1886; also the applications for the place of A. P. Abbott, H. A. Stanley, and Fred. W. Blaisdell. He stated that Mr. Blaisdell had been employed to fill the position since Mr. Tisdale left, pending a permanent appointment by the Board.

Blaisdell, F. W.

Ordered, that Fred. W. Blaisdell be appointed evening registration clerk from Sept. 15, 1886, at $300. per annum.

Richards, Florence

He stated Miss Florence Richards, who had been temporarily transferred to the South End branch during Miss Sheridan's illness, had returned to the service at the Central Library Sept. 1, 1886.

Fiske, Mrs., North End.

That he had had correspondence and interviews with Mrs. Fiske in respect to rooms for the North End branch.

N. End, City Council requested to furnish apartments for

Ordered, that the City Council be requested to provide suitable rooms therefor; and the trustees' recommend a lease, for five years, at a rent not to exceed $900. per annum, of the rooms at the corner of Salem and North Bennet streets, belonging to Mrs. Shaw.

Stevens, H., Mt. Bowdoin delivery.

He laid before the Board a letter from Mr. Hazard Stevens, dated August 30, 1886, in respect to the proposed delivery station at Mt. Bowdoin, Dorchester. Referred to Messrs. Greenough and Abbott, with full powers.

Putnam, H., granted alcove privileges.

Also, a petition from Herbert Putnam, librarian of the Minneapolis Library, asking for the privilege of examining the shelf-lists and of visiting the alcoves, which was granted by the Board.

Sample, S. W., special card.

Also, the application of S. W. Sample for a special privilege card, which was granted for three months.

Bigelow, J. P., photograph of proposed vase

He submitted for the inspection of the Board, as a gift from Mr. Prescott Bigelow, a photographic copy of the drawing for a proposed vase which was to be presented to Hon. John P. Bigelow in 1850, but which he declined to receive, preferring to give the money to found a free public

library, whereupon it was

Voted, that the special thanks of the Trustees be sent to Mr. Bigelow. — Same.

On the application of Arthur Signere, forwarder in the bindery, his salary was increased to be at the rate of $18. per week from Sept. 1, 1886. — Signere, A. salary increased.

Mr. Greenough read a letter dated August 9, 1886, from Charles H. Saunders with respect to the disposal of certain shares of the Cambridge Lyceum, devised by the late Professor Treadwell. Referred to the President with full powers. — Cambridge Lyceum shares (Treadwell bequest.)

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Oct. 1, 1886, amounting as per cash book of this date to $8409.82. — Monthly bills. $8409.82

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of N. Trübner & Co., for an amount not exceeding £132. 15. 10. for invoices arrived. — Trübner £132.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of G. Denerlich for M. 1549.84 for invoice arrived. — Denerlich M. 1549.84.

Ordered, that James P. Donahue be allowed from August 25, 1886 at $182. per annum. — Donahue, J. P.

Ordered, that Fred. W. Blaisdell be allowed as evening registration clerk from Sept. 15, 1886, at $300. per annum. — Blaisdell, F. W.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. and Co., in favor of Giulia Albery for £50. — Albery £50.

Adjourned

Melvin G. Cranmer
Clerk.

Oct. 2, 1886

Saturday, Oct. 2, 1886.

A meeting of the Corporation was held in the Committee-room at City Hall at 11.30 a.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Haynes and Whitmore.

Boston and Albany stock (Treadwell bequest)

The following preamble and vote were passed:

Whereas, the Trustees of the Public Library are entitled to a dividend of fifteen rights upon the stock of the Boston and Albany Railroad belonging to the Treadwell Fund, and as there is an uninvested balance of eighty-eight dollars belonging to the same fund,

Voted, that the president be hereby authorized to purchase fifteen rights in the new stock of the Boston and Albany road, and to draw upon the City Treasurer for ninety-six $\frac{38}{100}$ dollars, ($96.38) from the Treadwell Fund in payment for the same.

Adjourned

Nellie L. Chamberlain

Clerk.

Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1886.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Sept. 14, Sept. 21 and Oct. 2, were read and approved.

North End rooms rented.

A communication from the City government dated Sept. 27, 1886, was received ordering that the Trustees of the Public Library be authorized to hire for a term of five years, at a rent not to exceed $900. per annum, the premises at the corner of Salem and North Bennet streets belonging to Mrs. Shaw, said premises to be used for a delivery station and reading-room.

Same, lease to be made

Voted, that the Trustees approve of the proposition of Mrs. Shaw, contained in a letter of Mrs. Fiske and Mr. Chandler dated Oct. 15, 1886, and addressed to the Librarian, in respect to the lease of the premises at the corner of Salem and North Bennet Streets; and that the Librarian confer with the City Solicitor as to the making of a lease.

Boston and Albany stock (Treadwell bequest.)

Mr. Greenough reported that he had received one share of Boston and Albany railroad stock to be put to the credit of the Treadwell Fund.

Mt. Bowdoin delivery to be set up.

He also reported upon the question of a delivery station at Mt. Bowdoin, whereupon it was

Voted, that the Trustees are willing to establish a delivery station at Mt. Bowdoin provided it can be done at an expense not exceeding that for the other delivery stations.

Trust funds accts.

The Librarian reported the semi-annual statement of the trust-funds account; also, the monthly statement of the finances.

Cathcart, leaves.

That Mary E. Cathcart, assistant at the East Boston branch, left the service on Sept. 30, and that he had engaged Emma D. Coleman in her place from Oct. 1, 1886, at a salary not exceeding $350. per annum; subject to the approval of the Board.

Coleman, engaged.

McCloskey petition in favor

He presented a petition from citizens of East Boston and a letter from Alderman Barr in behalf of Mary McCloskey for the position vacated by Miss Cathcart, which was duly considered.

Powars, leaves.

That Miss Grace E. Powars, custodian of the Neponset delivery station left the service Oct. 15 and that he had engaged Miss Lottie Curtis in her place from the same date at $125. per annum; subject to the approval of the Board.

Curtis, engaged

McLaughlin, leaves.

That Edward P. McLaughlin, Bates Hall runner, left the service Sept. 25, and that he had engaged Walter S. Clark in his place from Sept. 27, at $182. per annum; subject to the approval of the Board.

Clark, engaged

Sefrey and Duffley, do.

That he had engaged Theodore Sefrey and Michael F. Duffley as Bates Hall runners from Oct. 9 and Oct. 11, respectively, at $182. per annum, each; subject to the approval of the Board.

The foregoing five temporary appointments of the Librarian were approved and confirmed by the Board.

Examining Com'tee.

The Librarian further reported that the Examining Committee had begun their work on Oct. 5 and that they had had one meeting since.

Kittredge, C. F. advocates delivery for Ashmont, Dor.

He presented a letter from C. F. Kittredge, dated Oct. 6, advocating the establishment of a delivery station at Ashmont, Dorchester. Referred to the president and Dr. Clarke.

Ward, J. H.

A proposition from the Rev. J. H. Ward to sell to the Library thirty-eight volumes, consisting of the New York Times and New York Tribune, for $124. was accepted.

Taft, B. L., privileges denied.

The application of Miss Bertha L. Taft, a non-resident pupil of the Girls' High School for a library card was not granted.

Deliveries, daily direct express service.

The Librarian proposed the experiment of a direct communication twice a week between the respective delivery stations and the Central Library, and the Board authorized him to arrange for a trial of the system.

Monthly bills $8490.38

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Nov. 1, 1886, amounting as per cash book of this date to $8490.38

Allen, £10.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of Edw. G. Allen for £10. for binding British patent specifications.

Coleman $350. a year.

Ordered, that Emma D. Coleman be allowed from Oct. 1, 1886 at $350. per annum.

Curtis $125. "

Ordered, that Lottie Curtis be allowed from Oct. 15 at $125. per annum.

Clark, $182 "

Ordered, that Walter E. Clark be allowed from Sept. 27 at $182. per annum.

Sefrey, " "

Ordered, that Theodore Sefrey be allowed from Oct. 9 at $182. per annum.

Duffley, " "

Ordered, that Michael Duffley be allowed from Oct. 11 at $182. per annum.

Adjourned

Melvin G. Hammerson

Clerk.

Nov. 5. 1886.

Friday, Nov. 5, 1886.

Special meeting on new library plans.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 2 p.m., "to confer with the City Architect on the subject of the plans."

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke and Haynes, and Mr. Vinal, the City Architect.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of previous meetings was deferred.

New building, building stone exhibited.

The City architect exhibited various specimens of building stone, and the plans were discussed, but no definite conclusion was arrived at.

Adjourned to Wednesday Nov. 10, 1886, at 2 p.m.

Mellen Z Hawkins Clerk.

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1886.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation to consider the plans was held in the Trustees' room at 2 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of previous meetings was deferred.

City architect unable to be present.

A letter was received from the City architect saying that he was unable to attend the Trustees; read and ordered to be placed on file.

New building, plan of foundation wanted.

In the examination of the plans the Trustees found themselves embarrassed by the want of the photographic copy of the foundation plan which they had requested the City architect to furnish them.

Adjourned

Mellen Z Hawkins Clerk.

Nov. 16, 1886.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1886.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Clarke and Haynes.

Dr. Clarke was elected president pro tem. and took the chair.

The records of the meetings of Oct. 19, Nov. 5 and November 10 were read and approved.

Saturday half-holiday for employees

A communication was received from the City government dated Oct. 18, 1886, recommending to the heads of departments that all city employes be allowed a half-holiday on each Saturday during the remainder of the present year; read and ordered to be placed on file.

Finances.

The Librarian reported the monthly statement of the finances.

Mt. Bowdoin del. opened

He also reported that the Mount Bowdoin delivery station was opened to the public on Nov. 1, 1886, with Mr. Harvey S. Hanson in charge, at a compensation, to include rent and salary, of $250. per annum.

N. End branch reopened.

That the North End delivery station and reading-room was reopened on Nov. 8, 1886, at the corner of North Bennet and Salem streets.

Mc Carthy, John.

That he had engaged John Mc Carthy as janitor of the North End delivery station and reading-room from Nov. 1, 1886, at a salary at the rate of $300. per annum, subject to the approval of the Board.

N. End lease.

That agreeably to the order of the Board he had taken steps to have a lease made for the North End apartments in accordance with the terms agreed upon, but in consequence probably of Mrs. Shaw's illness, he had failed to secure the necessary information, but will endeavor to conclude the matter at the earliest possible moment.

Stevens, Hazard

That General Hazard Stevens had called

upon him and had requested that the Delivery station at Mt. Bowdoin may be transferred to an adjoining apartment in which certain citizens of that district have set up a public reading-room. The matter was laid upon the table. — Mt Bowdoin to be transferred.

He reported a letter and other papers from Henry W. Putnam, Esq. in regard to the Fellowes Athenaeum, which were laid upon the table. — Putnam, H. W. Fellowes Athen.

He presented a report of Mr. Frank C. Blaisdell, curator of the Lower Hall card catalogue, covering his work for the year ending September 30, 1886. Ordered to be placed on file. — Report from Curator of L. H. catalogue

That the experiments of direct communication by Express with the delivery stations as authorized at the meeting of Oct. 19, 1886, is in operation. — Direct express service with deliveries.

That he had engaged Miss Sarah Hughes upon trial, Oct. 13, 1886, as an assistant in the catalogue room at a salary at the rate of $500. per annum, while she remains in the service; subject to the approval of the Board. — Hughes.

A letter from Charles K. Dillaway dated Oct. 22, 1886, asking that the Librarian's room at the Roxbury branch be furnished a carpet and curtains was laid on the table. — Roxbury branch fixtures requested.

The subject of the condition of the portrait of General Devens, at the Charlestown branch was referred to Mr. Greenough. — Devens portr. at Chn.

The request of Miss A. S. Teel, a non-resident pupil of the "Monroe Conservatory of Oratory" for a library card was not granted. — Teel, A. S., privileges not granted.

Mr. Richards, of the Common council, appeared before the Board at his own request in reference to the plans for the new public library building. — Plans for new building; Mr. Richards appears

Ordered, that John Mc Carthy be appointed on trial as janitor of the North End delivery station — Mc Carthy

and reading-room from Nov. 1, 1886, at a salary at the rate of $ 300. per annum.

Monthly bills $ 11194.29.

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Dec. 1, 1886, amounting as per cash book of this date to $ 11194. 29.

Deuerlich M. 2922.95

Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. and co., in favor of G. Deuerlich for M. 2922.95 for invoice arrived.

Trübner £95.1.1.

Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £95. 1. 1. for invoice arrived.

McCarthy. $300.

Ordered, that John McCarthy be allowed from Nov. 1, 1886, at a salary at the rate of $ 300. per annum.

Hughes, $ 500.

Ordered, that Miss Sarah Hughes be allowed temporarily from Oct. 13, 1886, at a salary at the rate of $ 500. per annum.

Hanson, $ 250.

Ordered, that Harvey S. Hanson be allowed from Nov. 1, 1886 at a salary at the rate of $ 250. per annum.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1886.

New building plans Special meeting on.

A special meeting of the Corporation to consider the new library plans was held in the Trustees' room at 8 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The Board considered and discussed the plans, and

Draughtsman needed.

Voted, that the Trustees require the service of a draughtsman to attend them at the Library.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Dec. 6, 1886.

Monday, Dec. 6, 1886.

New library plans.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 8 p.m., to consider the plans for the new library building.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last two meetings was deferred.

Gray, L. F., clerk pro tem.

In the absence of the Clerk, Judge Chamberlain, Louis F. Gray was chosen Clerk pro tem.

Plans discussed.

The question of the plans and various matters relating thereto, especially the character of the work already done was fully discussed.

Clark, Prof.

Voted, that the president be requested to obtain from Professor Clark of the Institute of Technology a statement of what he saw in regard to the piling and foundation of the new public library building with such criticisms as he deems it necessary to make.

New building, piling and foundation.

Mr. Norwell, in relation to piling and foundation.

Voted, that the president be requested to see Mr. Norwell, and obtain from him a detailed statement of the manner in which the piles for the new public library building were driven and how the foundation stones were laid on them.

Adjourned to Thursday Dec. 16, 1886, at 3 p.m.

Adjourned.

Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem.

Friday, Dec. 17, 1886.

The meeting which was adjourned to the 16th, was informally adjourned to the 17th. The meeting was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Nov. 16th, Nov. 23d and Dec. 6, 1886, were read and approved.

Mayor's inaugural.

A communication was received from His Honor, the Mayor, requesting a brief statement for his inaugural, of the work done in the past year, and of the prospective wants of the Library for the coming year.

Finances.

The Librarian reported the monthly statement of the finances.

Ritchie, John, jr., privileges granted to.

He presented the request of Mr. John Ritchie, jr., to take from the Library "Conchologica iconica," not to exceed two volumes at a time, and expressing his willingness to make good to the Trustees any damage arising from loss or misuse of the same. The Librarian was directed to inform Mr. Ritchie that the Trustees would grant his request.

Sefrey, leaves.

He reported that Theodore Sefrey, Bates Hall runner, had left the service on Dec. 8, 1886.

Monthly bills $10,361.58

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury January 1, 1887, amounting as per cash book of this date to $10,361.58.

Trübner £62.11.4

Ordered, That the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of N. Trübner & Co., for £62.11.4, for mail invoices arrived.

Curtis, C.R., at $700. until further orders.

Ordered, that Charles R. Curtis be allowed salary at the rate of $700. per annum from Oct. 1, 1886, until further orders.

New building, money spent on

Mr. Greenough read a report from the City Auditor of the sums expended under the loan act

New building: $73,600.20 spent.

Clark, J. M., statements respecting piling and foundation of new building.

City Architect to send plans.

to Dec. 1, 1886, in the construction of the new library building, amounting to $73,600.20.

He also read a letter from Professor J. M. Clarke, respecting the piling and foundation of the new library building on Dartmouth street, criticising the manner of the work.

Ordered, that the president request the City Architect to send to the Trustees of the Public Library the working plans, or photographic copies thereof, by which the piling and foundations of the new library building were driven and laid, and also the plans approved by them.

Adjourned

Merum Z Cunningham

Clerk.

Tuesday Dec. 21st, 1886.

Special meeting.

A special meeting of the corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 8 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke, Haynes and Whitmore, Trustees, and Messrs. Vinal, Clark, Griffin, Nowell, Marshall, Cavanagh, Cram and Barry.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the record of the meeting of Dec. 17 was deferred.

Meeting to enquire into statements regarding piling and foundation, made by J. M. Clarke.

Mr. Greenough stated that the meeting had been called to make enquiry respecting certain statements contained in a letter addressed to him by J. M. Clark, professor of architecture in the Institute of Technology, in regard to the piling and foundation of the new library building; and also in regard to some alleged departure from the plan; and that he had notified Mr. Clark, Mr. Vinal, the city architect, and Mr. Charles Nowell, who superintended the work in behalf of the Trustees.

Mr. Vinal and Mr. Nowell invited to attend.

Mr. Vinal's remarks.

Mr. Vinal made some remarks to the effect that he had not had due notice that charges had been made against him, which, as he understood, were to be investigated at this time.

Mr. Greenough:

Mr. Greenough remarked that Mr. Vinal seemed to misapprehend the nature of the hearing: that certain statements respecting the piling and foundation had been made, which, if true, would lead to the conclusion that no superstructure of the kind intended could be safely erected, and that the Trustees felt bound to get at the truth of these statements.

Mr. Whitmore:

Mr. Whitmore made some remarks to the same effect.

Mr. Abbott:

Mr. Abbott said there were no charges against Mr. Vinal, nor had the Trustees any power to try him: that the question was as to

the character of the work done, and that he would be glad to hear from Mr. Clark, the architect.

Prof. Clark

Mr. Clark's letter was read and he made some verbal statements as to what he saw.

Mr. Nowell in regard to piles &c

Mr. Charles Nowell said that the piles were sawn off to a level; that the stone was laid in cement, and that the butts of the wedges were cut off so as not to interfere with other stones.

Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. Whitmore said he would like to ask Mr. Clark whether, having heard the testimony of Mr. Nowell, the trustees would be justified in proceeding to erect a library building on the foundation as laid, and what steps the Trustees should take.

Mr. Griffin's statements.

Mr. Vinal asked Mr. Griffin, city inspector of buildings, to state what he knew. Mr. Griffin said that he had watched the proceedings with great care. That the piles were good, and properly cut; that the stones were the best he had ever seen, that the bearing on the piles was, so far as he had noticed, properly attended to; that the wedges were of the proper kind, and that the pile heads would be more than three feet under water; and that he considered the foundations the best that he had ever seen laid in Boston, having had personal knowledge of most of those on the Back Bay.

Mr. Nowell

Mr. Nowell said that the piles were driven according to the plans with some extra ones for the tower, the front steps, and at the South-east corner, rendered necessary by the character of the ground.

Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Marshall, the foreman who superintended the work, explained that the butts of the wedges were cut off with tools used for that purpose. He also said that if a stone did not come to a bearing, it was taken off.

Mr. Cavanagh.

Mr. Cavanagh, the pile-driver, thought the job

of cutting the piles was the best he had ever seen. Had built the Dartmouth street and Broadway bridges. Piles were driven according to plan, except at the South-east corner, where extra piles were driven, and others for tower and front steps.

Mr. Cram.

Mr. Cram said he had been instructed by Mr. Vinal to do a first class job.

Prof. Clark in reference to the last pier.

Professor Clark then renewed the statements made in his letter to the president of the Board in relation to the manner in which the stones were put upon the piles in the pier which he saw and which was said to be the last pier completed: that he saw the butts of the wedges projecting beyond the face of the stone in the place where they were driven without being cut off; the accuracy of which statement was denied by Mr. Nowell and other witnesses.

Same.

Professor Clark expressed his opinion that the Trustees had done all they could to secure the proper execution of the work, and so had Mr. Vinal; but he knew nothing of the general foundation, except the particular pier which he observed.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, and after some conversation as to the practicability of uncovering that portion of the work said to be imperfectly done, it was

City Architect to uncover last pier.

Voted, that the City Architect be requested to uncover the same and that Professor Clark have notice of the time.

Mayor's inaugural.

After this subject was disposed of, Mr. Greenough read a letter from the Mayor, as to the work of the Library for the past year, and gave the heads of his intended reply.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Jan. 14, 1887.

Friday Jan. 14, 1887.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 8 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meetings of Dec. 17 and 21, 1886 was deferred.

Fellowes Athenaeum.

Mr. Greenough called up the subject of the agreement with the Fellowes Athenaeum for a temporary arrangement with regard to certain expenses, as set forth in a letter of the Librarian, by vote of the Board Dec. 22, 1885.

Same.

Voted, that the president be authorized to sign the account submitted by the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum, and to endorse and deposit the check sent in accordance, with the City Treasurer.

South End branch temporary charge of

Mr. Abbott called up the subject of the South End branch, and the Librarian reported that by reason of the disability of Mrs. De Borges, he had placed Miss Morse, the first assistant, in charge temporarily.

On motion of Mr. Abbott,

Same. Maggie Sheridan

Ordered, that Miss Maggie Sheridan of the same branch, be requested to serve as first assistant at the South End branch until further orders.

New building.

The matter of the new library building was discussed; but in the absence of several members of the Board, it was postponed until the next meeting.

Adjournment

The Clerk was directed to adjourn the monthly meeting on Tuesday the 18th to Wednesday the 19th at three p.m.

Adjourned

Melvin G. Lamberlane

Clerk

Tuesday January 18th 1887.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was called by the Clerk for this day, but by direction of the Board it was adjourned to Wednesday January 19 at 3 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Wednesday Jan. 19, 1887.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Dec. 17, Dec. 21, 1886, and January 14, 1887 were read and approved.

Fellowes Athenaeum.

Mr. Greenough reported that he had signed a receipt to the Fellowes Athenaeum Trustees for the fulfilment of an agreement between them and the Trustees of the Boston Public Library, for the year 1885-'86, and had deposited a check for $471.22, found due the latter, with the City Treasurer.

Finances.

The Librarian reported the monthly statement of the finances.

Hanson, leaves.

That Harvey N. Hanson, custodian of the Mt. Bowdoin delivery station, left the service Dec. 31, 1886; and that the delivery had been transferred to the adjoining room and placed in charge of Mrs B. G. Fairbrother, January 1, 1887, at a compensation to include rent and salary of $250. per annum. Subject to the approval of the Board.

Mt. Bowdoin transferred.

Fairbrother engaged.

Hughes, leaves.

That Miss Sarah Hughes, temporarily employed in the catalogue room, left the service Dec. 31, 1886.

Richards, transfer?

That he had transferred Florence Richards temporarily to the South End Branch on January 1, 1887.

Reardon, leaves.

That John Reardon, Bates Hall runner left the service January 5, 1887.

McLaughlin, engaged.

That he had engaged James McLaughlin as

Bates Hall runner from Jan. 6, 1887 at $182. per annum; subject to the approval of the Board.

The above temporary appointments by the Librarian of Mrs. Fairbrother and James McLaughlin were approved and confirmed by the Board.

Morse, in relation to charge of S. End.

A letter dated January 19, 1887, was received from Miss Maud Morse of the South End branch, which was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Monthly bills $9878.66.

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Feb. 1, 1887, amounting as per cash book of this date to $9878.66.

President to sign.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to approve and sign the same, if after examination it be found correct.

Barings in favor of Trübner £146.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of N. Trübner and Co. for £146.0.0. for invoice arrived.

Fairbrother $250.

Ordered, that Mrs. B. G. Fairbrother be allowed from January 1, 1887 at $250. per annum.

McLaughlin $182.

Ordered, that James McLaughlin be allowed from Jan. 6, 1887, at $182. per annum.

Auditor's estimates.

A letter from the City auditor requesting an estimate of the amount of money that will be required for the maintenance of the Library for the coming financial year was referred to a committee of the whole board.

Library accts.

The matter of a proper form of library accounts was referred to a committee to consist of the president and Mr. Whitmore, with full powers

Camera to be sent to Library.

Ordered, that the City Architect be requested to send to the Public Library the photographic instrument purchased by the order of the Trustees of July 20, 1886.

New building plans.

The subject of the plans for the new library building was also considered, and the Board adjourned to Tuesday 25th inst. at 3 o'clock.

Adjourned

Melvin Z. Harmstaff Clerk.

Tuesday, January 25, 1887.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

Gray, L. F., clerk pro tem.

In the absence of the Clerk, Judge Chamberlain, Louis F. Gray was chosen clerk pro tem.

The records of the meetings of January 18 and 19 1887, were read and approved.

New building, location of main reading-hall.

The president read a letter from Mr. Vinal, the City Architect, in regard to the proposed location of the main reading hall in the new building and his reply thereto, as follows:—

City architect's letter.

"Architect's Department
"City of Boston.
"Arthur H. Vinal, City Architect.
"Hours, 11 to 1.30 o'clock.
"City Hall, Jan. 22d 1887.

"W. W. Greenough, Esqr

"Dear Sir, I am at loss to understand why "the impression exists among some of the Trustees of the Public Library, that I have changed the location of various rooms, "(and principally the main reading room) other than what "was shown on plans submitted to the Trustees by me. "I have in no instance changed the size or location of any room "except at the suggestion of the Trustees. Since the location and "size of the stack building were settled upon by the Trustees, no "plan has ever been submitted showing the main reading-room "on any other than the first floor, as can be seen by the "plans made immediately after the stack building was "decided on, and identified by bearing the date of Mch "3rd 1886, in your hand.

"The first intimation I received was from you on the "13th inst. meeting you on Tremont street, when you "stated that 'in looking over the various libraries,

"'throughout

"'throughout the country you found the main reading-hall on "'the second floor,' and you had come to the conclusion that "'that change in the plans was necessary, and a meeting was "'to be called for the next day to take action on this pro-"'posed change, and other minor matters.'

"I have been waiting for a notification of the result of "the meeting, that I might proceed with plans embody-"ing these changes, and submit an exterior corresponding "with them, but as yet I have received no notice, and "I am waiting the pleasure of the Trustees.

"Very truly yours,
[signed.] "Arthur H. Vinal.
"City Architect."

"Boston Public Library.
"Trustees' room, 24th Jany. 1887.

"A. H. Vinal, Esq.
"City Architect.

Mr. Greenough's letter.

"Dear Sir: You favor of the 22d inst. "came duly to hand.

"In the Preliminary description of the building "furnished by the Trustees of the Public Library to the "Joint Special Committee of the City Government, and "at their request, and printed in 1883, the position of "the main hall was distinctly placed upon the second "floor, and there has been no indication of any change "of opinion since. As the dimensions of the different "rooms in the building agree substantially with the "articles of that document, it must have been known "in your office.

"The Trustees of the Library were prepared to dis-"cuss and definitely settle questions of material, and of "internal arrangements of the building, at the meeting of "which I spoke to you. But important legal points "came up relative to their position and responsi-

"bility which deferred further immediate considera-"tion of the plans.

"Yours truly,
[signed.] "W. W. Greenough."

Corporation Counsel's opinion,

He stated that the Corporation Counsel had verbally expressed the opinion that the words "now "located in Boylston street," in section 5 of the Act of Incorporation, did not effect the general powers of the Trustees, but that he thought that that section did not give them the power to build.

New building, power to build

Harris fund.

The limitations of the Harris fund were considered, but no action was taken.

Gorman. salary $208.

Ordered, that Patrick D. Gorman's salary be at the rate of $208. per annum from Feb. 1, 1887.

Adjourned.
Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem.

Feb. 12, 1887.
Special meeting on Auditor's estimates.

Saturday, Feb. 12, 1887.

A special meeting of the Corporation "to decide upon the sum to be asked for the Library for the coming financial year, and to do such other business as may come before it," was held in the Trustees' room at 3.30 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

Gray, L. F., Clerk pro tem.

In the absence of the Clerk, Louis F. Gray was chosen Clerk, pro tem.

The reading of the records of the meeting of January 25, 1887, was deferred.

$120,000.00 to be asked for.

Voted, that the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Thousand dollars ($120,000.00) be asked for for the maintenance of the Library and Branches, distributed as shown in the appended table.

Adjournment.

Voted, to adjourn the regular meeting of Tuesday Feb. 15 to Friday Feb. 18 at 3 p.m.

Adjourned
Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem.

Estimates, 1887-88.

Binding,	$2,500.00
Books,	17,000.00
Expenses, Miscellaneous, Water-rates, Postage and Telegrams.	3,000.00
Fuel,	3,000.00
Furniture and repairs,	1,500.00
Gas,	5,500.00
Printing catalogues, &c.,	7,500.00
Salaries, &c.,	77,000.00
Stationery,	1,000.00
Transportation,	2,000.00
Total,	$120,000.00

Friday, Feb. 18, 1887.

The adjourned regular meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

L. F. Gray was chosen clerk, pro tem. — L. F. Gray, clerk pro tem.

The records of the meetings of January 25 and February 12 were read and approved.

Circular No. 14 was received from His Honor the Mayor, dated Feb. 3, 1887, calling attention to the fact that department records and accounts are open to public inspection when it can be made without interfering with the public service. Read and ordered to be placed on file. — Mayor's circular No. 14. — Records and files.

A communication dated January 13, 1887 was received from the City government authorizing heads of departments to submit their annual reports in print. Read and ordered to be placed on file. — Annual reports.

Another dated January 24, 1887 ordering that a series of views of Sydney, N.S.W., a gift to the City of Boston, be accepted and be placed in the Public Library, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to suitably acknowledge the gift. Read and ordered to be placed on file. — Sydney, N.S.W., views of.

A petition was received from the citizens of Ashmont, Dorchester, for the establishment of a delivery station in that section. — Ashmont, delivery wanted.

Voted inexpedient.

Two communications dated January 31 and February 16 respectively, and signed by W. F. Whitcomb, were received, asking for dai- — Mt. Bowdoin, daily express service.

ly express service between the Mt. Bowdoin delivery and the Central Library instead of tri-weekly, as at present.

Mt. Bowdoin daily express service.

Voted, that the experiment of daily Express service between the Mt. Bowdoin delivery station and the Central Library be tried for one month beginning March 1, 1887, provided it can be done without increased expense of attendance.

Finances.

The office secretary on behalf of the librarian presented the monthly statement of the finances.

Cutler, Dora L.

He reported that Miss Dora L. Cutler had been employed upon probation in the catalogue department from January 17, 1887 at a salary at the rate of $500. per annum; subject to the approval of the Board.

Kelly, Thomas J.

That under instructions of the president Thomas J. Kelly had been temporarily employed as extra finisher in the Bindery from Feb. 15, 1887 at $20. per week; subject to the approval of the Board.

Ordered, that the above provisional appointments be confirmed and approved.

Special card to the Mayor

A letter was received from His Honor the Mayor requesting library privileges for members of his family who are not residents of the City. It was stated that the Librarian acting under the authority of the president, had sent to His Honor a special card for the use of himself and family, which action was approved by the Board.

New desk for Library auditor

The request of the Library auditor to be allowed to have a new desk was granted.

The Library auditor presented a sched-

ule of bills payable at the City Treasury March 1, 1887, amounting as per cash book of this date to $10969.61.

Monthly bills $10969.61

Ordered, that the president be authorized to approve and sign the same.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co., for £79. 11. 7 for invoices arrived.

Trübner £79.11.7

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of Frederik Muller & Co. of Amsterdam for £4.14.0 for books received.

Muller £4.14.0

Ordered, that Dora L. Cutler be allowed from January 17, 1887 at a salary at the rate of $500. per annum.

Cutler $500.

Ordered, that Thomas J. Kelly be temporarily allowed from February 15, 1887 at $20. per week.

Kelly $20. a week

Ordered, that the special card of Professor Gaetano Lanza, of the Institute of Technology be extended for another year.

Lanza, G., special card

Adjourned

Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem.

March 5, 1887.

Special meeting.

Saturday, March 5, 1887.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m., "for consultation."

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the record of the meeting of February 18 was deferred.

Durand, Susan M. special card.

The application of Miss Susan M. Durand for a special card was granted.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk

Tuesday, March 15, 1887.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of February 18 and March 5 were read and approved.

Adjournment

Voted, that when the Board adjourns it be to Tuesday March 22 at 8 p.m.

Baring Bros., $2000. sent.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to transmit to Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., to be placed to the credit of the Trustees, sterling to the amount of $2000.

Trübner, £259.18.0

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of N. Trübner and Co., for £259.18.0 for invoices arrived.

Allen, £6.17.8

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros and Co., in favor of Ely. Allen for £6.17.8 for binding British patent specifications.

Telephone

Voted, that the Library be connected with the general telephone system.

McNamee, $1.50 a day

The Librarian reported that John McNamee had been employed March 10, temporarily to assist in returning Bates Hall books, at $1.50 per day while he remains in the service; subject to the approval of the Board.

Ordered, that the above appointment be approved.

Branch librarians' meeting.

He further reported that a meeting of the librarians of the branch libraries was held in the Trustees' room of the central library on the 10th instant, and that it had been arranged to have the meetings held regularly on the

second Thursday of each month.

Bulletin #74. He laid before the Board Bulletin no. 74.

He stated that, the custodian of the North End delivery station and reading-room reports dissatisfaction with the janitor, that his influence in the preservation of order is not good, and that he declines to keep the sidewalk clear from snow.

North End janitor complained of.

He laid before the Board a letter from Mr. Whitney, the chief of the catalogue department, submitting his new "Key to the catalogue." Read and ordered to be placed on file.

"Key to the catalogue."

Voted, to print the "Key to the catalogue" in a manner to be determined by the Librarian and Mr. Whitney.

Adjourned to Tuesday March 22, at 8 p.m.

Adjourned.

Melvin J. Chamberlain

Clerk

Tuesday, March 22, 1887.

Adjourned

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 8 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of March 15, 1887, was read and approved.

Photographs of piling plans

The Librarian laid before the Board a letter from Mr. Vinal, the city architect, transmitting four photographic copies of the plan of the piling for the new library building as approved at a meeting of the Board held May 19, 1886, and stating that he would be pleased to render the Trustees and the architect they may select any assistance in his power. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Finances

The Librarian reported the monthly statement of the finances.

Grady, E.

Fahey, T. J.

He reported that Edward Grady, Bates Hall runner, left the service on March 5, 1887, and that he had engaged Thomas J. Fahey in his place from the same date at $182. per annum, subject to the approval of the Board. This appointment of the Librarian was approved and confirmed by the Board.

Act to amend ch. 114, Acts 1876

He laid before the Board a certified copy of an "Act to amend chapter 114 of the Acts of 1876, incorporating the Trustees of the Public Library," which was read and ordered to be placed on file.

"[Chapter 60.]

"Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven.

"An Act

"to amend Chapter One Hundred and Fourteen of the Acts "of the Year Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-eight, incor-"porating the Trustees of the Public Library of the City "of Boston.

20.

Act to amend Ch. 114 Acts 1876

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives "in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, "as follows:-

"Section 1. Section five of chapter one hundred and "fourteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and "seventy-eight is hereby amended so as to read as "follows: The said trustees shall have the general "care and control of the central public library in said "city and of all branches thereof which have been or "which may hereafter be established and the fixtures "connected therewith and also of the Expenditures of "money appropriated therefor.

"Section 2. The said board of Trustees shall have "full power and control of the design, construction, "erection and maintenance of the central public "library building, to be erected in the City of Boston, "and are hereby fully authorized and empowered to "select and employ an architect or architects to design "said building and supervise the construction and "erection thereof, and a superintendent or super-"intendents to take charge of and approve the works "but work upon said building shall not be com-"menced until full general plans for the buildings "shall have been prepared, and no specific work shall "be commenced until the same shall have been duly "advertised, proposals for doing such work shall "have been received from responsible parties, and "contracts have been entered into with satisfactory "guarantees for their performance.

"Section 3. Said board shall semi-annually and "whenever required by the mayor or city council, make "and present in writing a particular report and a "statement of all their acts and proceedings; and "of the condition and progress of the work on said "new building in process of erection by them.

"Section 4. This act shall take effect upon "its passage.

"House of Representatives, March 9, 1887.
"Passed to be enacted "Chas J. Noyes.
"Speaker.

"In Senate, March 10, 1887.
"Passed to be enacted "Halsey J. Boardman.
"President.

"March 10, 1887.
"Approved "Oliver Ames.

"Secretary's Department
"Boston, March 12, 1887.
"A true copy
(Seal) "Witness the Seal of the
"Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
[signed] "Henry B. Peirce.
"Secretary of the Commonwealth."

Ordered, that one hundred copies of the same be printed in letter sheet form. — 100 copies to be printed

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury April 1, 1887, amounting as per cash book of this date to $14,421.26. — Bills $14,421.26

Ordered, that the President be authorized to approve and sign the same, if after examination it shall be found correct.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of G. Denerlich for M. 3183.40 for invoice arrived. — Denerlich M. 3183.40

Ordered, That Thomas J. Fahey be allowed from March 5, 1887 at $182. per annum. — Fahey

On motion of Mr. Whitmore:

Voted, that the president be requested to communicate with His Honor, the Mayor, asking for the passage of a vote by the City Council placing the small sums received for fines, sales of catalogues, sales of old paper, etc., at the disposal of the Trustees for the general purposes of the Library, instead of being paid into the City Treasury.

Receipts from fines &c.

Mr. Whitmore also brought up the subject of weekly payments for employees, which was discussed, and postponed for further consideration.

Weekly payts

The subject of the new library building was considered.

New building

Voted, to hold meetings every Saturday and Wednesday, at 3 p.m. until otherwise ordered, for the consideration of this matter.

Meetings every Wednesday & Sat.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Saturday, March 26, 1887.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees room at 3 p.m.

Special meeting

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Haynes.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meeting of March 22 was deferred.

On motion of Mr. Abbott,

Voted, that the President be directed to confer with Messrs. McKim, Mead and White, architects and make with them such contract under the law as shall in his judgment be proper for the architects' work for the proposed new library building and the grounds adjacent thereto, and report the said contract to the next meeting for approval.

McKim, Mead & White, president to make contract for new building

The Clerk was directed to address the following letter to Mr. Edward C. Cabot:

Cabot, E. C., letter to

"I am requested by the Trustees of the "Library to ask you to defer any further action "in relation to the Library plans until further "notice.

"They desire me to thank you for the at"tention which you have kindly given to the con"sideration of the subject."

Voted, that the services of a private watchman on the new library premises are no longer required.

Watchman dispensed with

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

March 30, 1887.

Special meeting

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Haynes and Abbott.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of March 22 and March 26 were read and approved.

McKim, Mead & White, contract with, approved

Voted, that the contract with Messrs. McKim, Mead and White, architects, dated March 30, 1887, by the President, for the Trustees, under the vote passed at the meeting of March 26th 1887 be, and hereby is, approved, and the said McKim, Mead and White are hereby selected and employed as architects to design and supervise the construction of the central library building to be erected on Dartmouth street.

See 1st record book

Voted, that said contract be entered upon the records.

Yeas and nays

On motion of Professor Haynes the yeas and nays were ordered with the following result:

Mr. Greenough, Yea.
" Abbott, Yea.
" Haynes Yea.

Records in a separate volume

Voted, that the records of the Trustees, acting as Commissioners for building the New Library Building be kept in a separate volume.

Assistant clerk

Voted, that an assistant clerk be appointed to act as secretary for all matters relating to the construction of the new library building.

Gray, L. F. appt'd assistant clerk

Louis F. Gray was appointed assistant clerk.

Ga. marble co.

Mr. Abbott reported that he had had an interview with the agents or representatives

of the Georgia Marble Company.

Dr. Clarke to be informed of proceedings

Voted, that the president be requested to inform the Rev. Dr. Clarke of the substance of the proceedings in regard to the new library building.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk

Whitmore, W. H. protest of

"Public Library, Boston
"March 31, 1887.

"W. W. Greenough, Esq.

"Dear Sir, Not having been able to attend "the meetings of the Trustees on March 26th and 30th "I desire to put on record my dissent to the vote order-"ing the appointment of Messrs. McKim, Mead and White "of New York as architects for building the New Library.

"I think that such action was unnecessarily hasty, "that presumably a Boston architect of sufficient skill "could have been secured, and that until the latter point "was decided, no outsider should have been selected.

"Personally, I protest against the action of three "members of the Board in visiting New York for the "purpose of obtaining information without having re-"quested the other members to join them. Under "these circumstances I feel myself entirely re-"lieved from any responsibility in regard to the "construction of the building. I remain

"Yours very respectfully
[signed.] "Wm H. Whitmore."

Tuesday April 19, 1887.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of March 30, 1887, was deferred.

Finances. — The Librarian reported the monthly statement of the finances.

Morrison, J. S. leaves. — That John S. Morrison left the service on April 6th, 1887.

Branch Librarians — That a meeting of the branch librarians was held in the Trustees' room on Thursday April 14.

Bills $9751.70 — The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury May 1, 1887 amounting as per cash book of this date to $9751.70

Ordered, that the president be authorized to approve and sign the same, if after examination it be found correct.

Trübner £180.12.8 — Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £180.12.8 for invoices arrived.

Denerlich M. 305.75 M. 299.30 — Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of G. Denerlich for M 305.75 for invoice arrived, and for M. 299.30 for periodicals not arrived.

Stevens £100.10.8 for mezzotints. — Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of B. F. Stevens for £100.10.8 for mezzotint portraits bought at auction.

Special drafts — Ordered, that the action of the president in making two special drafts on the trust funds now in the City Treasury, as follows, be approved:—

Burns $259.23 — One in favor of Messrs. Burns & Son, for $259.23 for books of permanent value.

Libbie $406.57 — The other in favor of C. H. Libbie & Co., for $406.57 for books of permanent value.

Income of trust funds $8094.70 — Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to remit to Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. the balance of the income of the trust funds amounting to $8094.70

President — Ordered, that the president be authorized to receipt for the interest of the trust funds

Elevator for B. H. — Ordered, that the Librarian be requested to consult with Mr. Tucker, the Superintendent of Buildings on the subject of a lift for the Bates Hall service at a moderate cost.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

Weekly payments. — Voted, that the payment of the Library employees be made weekly.

Pay-rolls, approval of. — Voted, that the president or any member of the Board be authorized to approve the weekly pay-rolls and draw a requisition upon the City Auditor in payment of the same, after the rolls shall have been certified as correct by the Librarian.

Pay-rolls. — Ordered, that the Librarian cause the pay-rolls to be made up to and including Thursday of each week.

Mt. Bowdoin reading-room. — Mr. Greenough presented a petition from citizens of Mt. Bowdoin asking "that the reading-room there, established and thus far

"carried on by private subscriptions, be assumed and "conducted hereafter by the Public Library as part "of the Mt. Bowdoin branch."

Mt. Bowdoin

The president was requested to say to the petitioners that their communication had been received and that a day for a hearing will be hereafter appointed.

On motion of Mr. Abbott,

Bowditch desk.

Ordered, that the president be requested to say to Dr. Bowditch that the Trustees will be glad to receive for the Library the desk which was his father's.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Monday May 2, 1887.

Annual meeting.

The annual meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 12 M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Haynes.

Mellen Chamberlain, the clerk, called to order.

William W. Greenough was elected President and took the chair.

W. W. Greenough, president.

Mellen Chamberlain was chosen clerk of the Corporation and took the oath of office, as appears by the following certificate:

M. Chamberlain clerk.

Suffolk, ss.

May 2d, 1887.

Then personally appeared the above named Mellen Chamberlain and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of Clerk of the Corporation.

Before me

[illegible]

Justice of the Peace.

Bowditch desk.

Mr. Greenough read a letter from Dr. Henry I. Bowditch in relation to the desk which belonged to his father.

Ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Abbott it was

Bindings.

Voted, that the strength of binding for Bates Hall books in vogue befor March 22, 1881 be resumed.

Green slips.

Ordered, that a new style of green slip for the hall use of books be devised, convenient for filing with the slips of the Bates Hall indicator, and that provision be made thereon for the use of but one book, or set of books with the same shelf number.

On motion of Mr. Abbott,

Hats in waiting-rooms.

Voted, that signs and placards requiring the removal of hats in the waiting halls be taken down.

Rodda.

Ordered, that Walter A. Rodda be allowed from April 18, 1887 at a salary at the rate of $400. per annum.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Friday, May 6, 1887.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 8 p.m., "to "consider the pay-roll and to do such other "business as may come before it."

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meetings of March 30, April 19, and May 2 was deferred.

Barton, A. J.

Miss Anna J. Barton was appointed librarian of the Jamaica Plain branch from May 1, 1887, at a salary at the rate of $600. per annum, from the same date.

Mt. Bowdoin

Mr. Greenough read a letter from Mr. Whitcomb in reference to the petition from the citizens of Mount Bowdoin, and it was

Ordered, that a hearing be granted the petitioners on Tuesday May 10, 1887 at three p.m., in the Trustees' room.

Pay-roll.

The subject of the pay-roll for the coming year was taken up and postponed for further consideration.

By-laws

The By-laws of the Corporation were considered and referred to Mr. Whitmore for codification.

Adjourned to Monday May 9th at 8 p.m.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

May 9, 1887

Monday May 9, 1887.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 8 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the meetings of Mar. 30th, April 19th, May 2d and May 6th was deferred.

By-laws.

Mr. Whitmore presented a codification of the By-laws of the Corporation which was accepted and it was

Index to same.

Ordered, that the Librarian prepare an index to the same, by section as well as by page, and that one thousand copies be printed, together with the Statutes and Ordinances relating to the Library.

Bindery

The question of the reorganization of the bindery was discussed and laid over for further consideration.

Saturday half-holiday

A petition for a Saturday half-holiday during the summer months was received from the employees of the Bindery and laid upon the table.

American historical association and American economic association

Ordered, that the president be requested on behalf of the Trustees to invite the American Historical Association and the American Economic Association, about to be convened in Boston and Cambridge, to visit the Boston Public Library as a body or as individuals, as they may find convenient.

Pay-roll accepted.

The appended pay-roll for the year 1887-88 was accepted, to take effect from and including May 6th 1887 unless otherwise ordered by the Trustees.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Pay-roll 87-88

Pay-Roll, 1887-88.

	Rate per an.	Rate per wk.
Chamberlain, Mellen	$4000.	
Gray, Louis T.	1500.	
Nichols, Adelaide A.		17.50
Keenan, J. J.		5.
Whitney, James L.	2500.	
Foster, W. H.	1800.	
Carret, J. F.	2000.	
Swift, Lindsay	1300.	
Hunt, Edwin B.	1000	
Burnell, C. K.		13.50
Reed, Elizabeth T.		12.50
Miller, A. C.		12.50
Goud, S. W.		10.75
Rollins, M. H.		9.75
Cutler, Dora L.		9.75
Browne, Alice		12.50
Whalen, George		4.
Pike, Harriet N.		17.50
Fuller, Edith D.		17.50
Dame, Agnes R.		11.75
McGrath, Mary A.		11.75
Gorman, Pat'k. D.		4.
Griffin, A. P. C.	1800.	
Roffe, Wm.		17.50
Rodda, W. A.		7.75
Keenan, Matthew T.		4.
Knapp, A. M.	2000.	
Knowles, L. F.		11.75
Twickler, L. A.		8.25
Doyle, Agnes C.		7.25
Young, W. M. L.		9.75
Putnam, Alice M.		8.75
Donohue, J. P.		3.50
Duffley, M. F.		3.50

Pay-roll 1887-88

	Rate per an. $	Rate per wk $
McLaughlin, James		3.50
Brown, James		3.50
Fahey, Thomas J.		3.50
Tiffany, Edward	1500.	
Blaisdell, Frank C.	1000.	
Jenkins, Mary A.		16.50
Rice, Edwin F.		13.50
Porée, C. E.		11.75
Mack, Sarah A.		10.75
Mack, Eliza J.		10.75
Shea, Anna G.		8.25
Twickler, Julia		5.75
Briggs, Rebecca		5.75
Sheridan, M. C.		5.75
Nurenberg, Esther		4.50
Briggs, E. S.		4.00
Murray, Agnes C.		4.00
Murray, Ella H.		4.00
Hunter, Kathleen M.		4.00
Blaisdell, Fred.		6.00
McGrath, Amelia		4.
Ford, Wm. E.	1500.	
Williams, J. S.		17.50
White, John		12.50
Monahan, Wm.		11.50
Blake, Andrew M.	1200.	
Sanford, Peleg B.	1040.	
Sampson, W. F.	1000.	
Ryder, Frank	1000.	
Siguere, Arthur		18.00
Hemstedt, Wm.		16.00
Murphy, John F.		7.75
Wheeler, Martha		9.50
Moriarty, M. G.		9.50
Bowen, Sarah E.		9.50
Dumas, Sarah		8.00

Pay-roll 1887-88

	Rate per an. $	Rate per wk $
Morton, M. J.		7.00
Roslund, Mary		6.75
Godbold, Sarah C.		13.50
Gray, Mary R.		9.75
Wing, Alice M.		9.75
Coleman, E. D.		7.00
Hosea, George H.		11.75
Bullard, N. J.		13.50
Baker, Joseph		11.75
Eaton, Ellen A.		11.75
Sampson, Ida		9.75
Watson, Mary		8.75
Watson, Reata		6.00
Bell, Helen M.		13.50
Curtis, Charles R.		13.50
Puffer, Dora L.		9.75
Berry, L. C.		9.75
Griggs, Sarah W.		8.75
Griffith, M.		6.00
Cartée, Elizabeth H.		13.50
Eberle, Annie E.		9.75
Swain, Mary P.		9.75
Smith, Thomas E.		6.00
Livermore, S. E.		6.00
Willoughby, Alice		4.00
Brock, Mary E.		11.75
Brock, James M.		9.75
Grailey, M. H.		6.75
Coffin, Mary G.		13.50
Davenport, Edward		7.75
Sheridan, Jennie		9.75
Pike, Fannie W.		8.25
Watson, Lucy A.		7.75
Le Favour, Ida B.		4.00
De Borges, Grace A.		13.50
Morse, Maude M.		10.75

Pay-roll 1887-88

	Rate per an.	Rate per wk.
	$	$
Sheridan, M. A.		10.75
Richards, Florence		7.25
Atkinson, Mary		6.75
Sheridan, Peter.		3.50
Lynch, Emma F.		3.50
Barton, Anna J.		11.50
Johnson, Timothy		6.00
Riley, Nellie F.		9.75
Barton, Margaret S.		6.75
Davis, Eliza R.		13.50
Mooney, C.G.		6.00
McCarthy, J.		6.00
Hill, M. A.		6.00
Atkinson, Harriet L.		2.50
Curtis, C.		2.50
Fairbrother, B. G.		5.00
Bowthorpe, S. T.		1.75
Richards, K. W.		2.
Davis, J. M.		.50

Tuesday, May 17, 1887.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Haynes and Whitmore.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of March 30, April 19, May 2, May 6 and May 9, 1887, were read and approved.

Mr. Whitmore read the following letter, and the accompanying order was passed:-

Whitmore, W. H. about mezzotint engravings.

"Boston May 17, 1887.

W. W. Greenough, Esq.

"Dear Sir:

"A few months ago I received a the catalogue of the John Chaloner Smith collection of "mezzotint engravings to be sold in London. The Library "never received a copy and would not have known of the "sale but for me. I mentioned to you, and especially "to Judge Chamberlain that I should order all the Pel-"ham engravings for myself but preferred to have the "Library's agent do all the buying. I then made up a "list of other engravings for the Library and the order "was sent forward.

"I claim of course all the Pelhams, though you may "retain the Colman and the Mather at cost if you "wish.

"Technically at present the prints belong to "the Library being paid for by us and entered at the "Custom House as our property. This is not incom-"patible with the fact that they were bought with "an intent to exchange the prints I claim, it "being for the interest of the Library not to

"have a competition on the other lots bought.

"The cost of the Pelhams (exclusive of Colman and "Mather) will be £6 or £7 and the copy of Smith's "book about 4 guineas, and it is a duplicate. I will "give either you books in exchange, as may be agreed upon, "or you may name new books of the value of the in-"voice, say some £11, and I will pay for them "and so make the exchange.

Whitmore, W. H. about mezzotint engravings

"I would say that there was no duty on these "engravings any way, whoever owned them, so that the "Government sustains no detriment.

"Yours very truly

[signed.] "W. H. Whitmore."

"I propose the following:

"Ordered, that the Librarian deliver to "W. H. Whitmore all the Pelham prints from "the Smith sale, except the Colman and Mather "portraits, and also the 4 vols. of Smith's book, "receiving therefor books in exchange at a valuation "to be approved by the President."

Mt. Bowdoin

Mr. Greenough read a copy of a letter from the Rev. Dr. Clarke to W. F. Whitcomb, Esq., in relation to the proposed Mt. Bowdoin reading-room.

Voted, that the President be requested to say to the petitioners for the Mt. Bowdoin reading-room that the Trustees are unable to comply with their request.

Bindery

Ordered, that Messrs. Abbott and Whitmore be a committee to consider the reorganization of the Bindery.

Finances

The Librarian reported the monthly statement of the Finances.

Brown, James.

That James Brown had been engaged as Bates Hall runner from May 9, 1887, at $182. per annum, subject to the approval of the Board.

Branch librarians' meeting.

That a meeting of the Branch Librarians was held in the Trustees' room on May 12, 1887.

Express charges for delivery stations

That by reason of the refusal of the Old Colony railroad to carry the boxes of the delivery stations connected with the Dorchester branch any longer free of cost, he had arranged for the charges for this service to be made monthly.

Coffin, M.G. time arrangement during summer.

Miss Coffin's request for a special arrangement of her time for the summer with Miss Sheridan, the first assistant at the Dorchester branch, was granted.

Burnell, Miss leave of absence.

Miss Burnell's request for additional leave of absence without loss of pay, on account of sickness, was granted.

Saturday half-holiday for binders

The petition of the employees of the Bindery for a Saturday half-holiday for the months of June, July and August, without loss of pay, was granted.

Monthly bills. $1910.08

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury June 1, 1887, amounting as per cash book of this date to $1910.08

Ordered, that the president be authorized to approve and sign the same, if after examination it be found correct.

Trübner £108.1.8

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros., & Co., in favor of Messrs. N. Trübner & Co. for £108.1.8 for invoices arrived.

Stevens, £37.11.3

Ordered, that the President be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of B. F. Stevens for £37.11.3. for books to arrive, purchased at the Hartley sale.

Brown

Ordered, That James Brown be allowed from May 9, 1887, at $182 per annum.

Summer time arrangement

Ordered, that the employees of the Bindery be allowed one week leave of absence, for the present year, without loss of pay.

Ordered, that the Branch Librarians may arrange the hours of service for the months of June, July and August of the present year, so that the female employees may have in turn one forenoon a week, provided, however, that this privilege shall not be allowed when the service requires attendance.

Ordered, that the Lower Hall, Branches and Reading-room be closed one hour earlier than usual beginning Tuesday May 31 and ending Saturday Sept. 3.

Elevator.

The proposition of the Whittier Machine Co. to furnish the Library with a freight elevator for $1644. was laid on the table.

Books detained overtime

Mr. Abbott called attention to the keeping of books by borrowers beyond the time allowed by the rules, but no action was taken.

Examining Comtee.

The appointment of the Examining Committee for the year 1887 was referred to the next meeting.

Mr. Abbott read a letter from Miss Sheridan, in charge of the South End branch.

Branch librarians' meetings.

Ordered, that persons in charge of branch libraries be invited to meet with the branch librarians at their monthly meetings.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Tuesday June 14, 1887.

Adjournment.

The regular meeting of the Corporation called for this day was adjourned by the president to the 21st June at 3 p.m.

Tuesday June 21st 1887.

Adjourned meeting.

The adjourned regular meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of May 17, 1887 was read and approved.

Finances.

The Librarian reported the monthly statement of the finances.

De Borges, Mrs., decease of.

That Mrs. Grace A. De Borges, the Librarian of the South End branch, died June 2, 1887.

Fahey. Melledy.

That Thomas J. Fahey, Bates Hall runner, left the service May 18, and that he had engaged Michael J. Melledy in his place from June 8 at $3.50 per week; subject to the approval of the Board.

Sohier, E. D., gift of portrait of J. Phillips.

That Edward D. Sohier, Esq. had presented an oil portrait by Gambardella, of Jonathan Phillips, whereupon it was

Same.

Voted, that the president be requested to return the thanks of the Trustees to Edward D. Sohier, Esq. for his gift to the library of an excellent portrait in oil of their late distinguished benefactor, Jonathan Phillips.

Same.

Ordered, that such measures be taken for the restoration of the Phillips portrait as may be necessary.

Melledy.

Ordered, that the appointment of Michael J. Melledy as a Bates Hall runner be approved.

Foster, W. H., leave of absence.

Mr. W. H. Foster applied for extra leave of absence, and on motion of Mr. Whitmore it was

ordered to grant him two months leave of absence with half pay, to be paid in advance if he so wishes it.

Berry, Miss, request for leave of absence

Miss Berry's request for leave of absence was referred to the president with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

Sheridan, M. A. Librarian, S. End.

Ordered, that Miss Margaret J. Sheridan be appointed librarian of the South End branch to take effect July 1st 1887, but not to be notified before that date, unless the president so directs the Librarian.

Monthly bills $2596.11

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury July 1, 1887, amounting as per cash book of this date to $2596.11

Ordered, that the president be authorized to approve and sign the same, if after examination it be found correct.

Trübner, £84.2.6.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring, Bros, & Co, for £84. 2. 6 for invoice arrived.

Stevens £0.17.0.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros, & Co. in favor of B. F. Stevens for £0.17.0. in excess of the amount authorized at the last meeting of the Board.

Allen, £21. 13. 0

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co, in favor of E. G. Allen for £ 21. 13. 0. for binding British patent specifications.

Melledy

Ordered, that Michael J. Melledy be allowed from June 8, 1887 at $ 3.50 per week

Nichols, A. A. asks for more salary.

The application for increase of salary of Miss A. A. Nichols was laid on the table.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday, July 19, 1887.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough and Abbott.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of June 14 and 21 were not read.

Labor day

A communication was received from His Honor, the Mayor, dated July 15, 1887, requesting the Trustees to grant all employees of the Library a holiday without loss of pay on Labor Day Sept. 5, 1887. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

The president read a letter from the Hon. Charles Devens as follows:—

"Boston, July 13, 1887.

"My dear Mr. Greenough

Devens portrait at Charlestown.

"The portrait of Mr. Richard "Devens was given (as I have always understood) by "Miss Charlotte Harris to be placed in the Public "Library at Charlestown at the same time that "she presented a chime of bells to the Old Church "in Charlestown in memory of her Ancestors of the "Devens and Harris family, a few years before she "died. She afterwards left a legacy to the Public "Library on some peculiar features of which we "once conversed. Mr. Richard Devens was the "acting chairman of the Com" of Public Safety at the "time of the battle of Bunker Hill and was the "Commissary General of Massachusetts during the "whole Revolutionary period. He survived many "years after the Revolution and died a prosperous "merchant early in this Century at an age of "about eighty-five years. He was at the time of "the battle of Bunker Hill about fifty or fifty-"five years old. Miss Harris was a grand-

"daughter, her mother having been one of his daughters and my father was his youngest grandson. I have often heard my father speak of his grandfather whom he remembered perfectly. Mr. Richard Devens was usually known colloquially as 'Commissary' Devens.

"The portrait to which you refer I have often seen. It is by Sargent, who took a good many portraits in Boston early in the Century and I am glad you are about to take proper measures to preserve it. I have no doubt that it is the property of the City and that you are entitled to take such measures for this as you deem proper in relation. Miss Harris had two sisters and four of five brothers (including Col. Sam Devens Harris many years U. S. Marshal, Mr. Rich. Devens Harris many years City Treas") Only one of this large family married (Mr. Chas. D. Harris) and his issue is now extinct so that there is no one of Miss Harris' branch to whom you could apply.

"I am quite sure that my cousins at Charlestown who like myself are great grand children of Richard Devens would concur with me in hoping that you would do all that is possible (even if temporary removal is necessary) for the care of the portrait.

"Mr. Richard Devens was a most liberal as well as patriotic man and there are one or two local charitable societies in Charlestown that still bear his name."

"Yours very truly
[Sig.] "Chas. Devens."

Finances

The Librarian reported the monthly statement of the finances.

S. B. closed for repairs.

That the South Boston branch needs repainting, and certain other repairs which the owner proposes to make in case the branch can be closed

during the month of August.

S. B. closed for repairs.

Ordered, that the South Boston branch be closed during August and that notice of the fact be given on the 20th July and all the books called in.

Burnell, leave of absence.

He laid before the Board the request of Miss Burnell for leave of absence.

Same.

Ordered, that the time taken by Miss Burnell previous to June 1st, 1887 be without loss of pay.

Japanese medical books.

He stated the substance of a verbal communication made to him by Prof. E. S. Morse, and confirmed by Dr. J. R. Chadwick, that certain medical works in the Japanese language, and consigned by the University of Tokio to the "Library of Boston," in May 1885, were really intended for the Library of the Medical Society. The matter was laid upon the table until further information can be had.

Gray, L. F. authority to certify to pay-roll.

Ordered, that in the absence of the Librarian the weekly pay-roll be certified to by the Office Secretary, Louis F. Gray.

Foster, W. H. leave of absence.

Mr. Foster was granted one months vacation with pay, instead of two with half pay, as ordered at the meeting of June 21st 1887.

Evans, G. W. appd on Ex. Com.

George W. Evans, Esq. was appointed on the Examining Committee for the present year.

Monthly bills $2823.02

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury August 1st 1887, amounting as per cash book of this date to $2823.02

Ordered, that the president be authorized to approve and sign the same, if after examination it be found correct.

Trübner £63.16.0

Ordered, that the president be authorized to draw on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., in favor of N. Trübner & Co. for £63.16.0 for invoices arrived.

Adjourned Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Aug. 16, 1887.

Tuesday, August 16, 1887.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of June 14, June 21, and July 19 were read and approved.

Finances

The Librarian reported the monthly statement of the finances.

Signere, leaves.

That Arthur Signere, forwarder in the Bindery went on leave of absence March 31st and since then had signified his intention of remaining away, so that his leaving the service should date March 31st.

Rodda, leaves.

That W. A. Rodda had left the service July 8, 1887, and that he had engaged John J. McKenna in his place from July 26, at $7.67 per week, subject to the approval of the Board.

McKenna, engaged.

Bindery employees, notice of discharge.

That during his absence the following letter was read by the Office Secretary to each and every member of the Bindery force:-

"Boston Public Library
"Trustees' Room, 1st Aug. 1887.

"C. F. Gray, Esq.
"Office Secretary
"Public Library.

"Dear Sir:

"The Trustees of the Library hereby give notice to every member of the Bindery force employed in the building that their service will terminate on the 31st instant.

"You will please read this notice to one and all of the persons now in this service.

"Yours truly
[Sig^d] "W. W. Greenough.
"Prest."

The consideration of Prof. E. S. Morse's letter, deferred from the last meeting of the Board, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Whitmore, it was

Ordered, that the Librarian be directed to send to the Boston Medical Library the medical works in the Japanese language received in May 1885 from the University of Tokio with the understanding that they shall be returned if it is ascertained that they were intended for the Boston Public Library.

Japanese medical books.

Letters from certain of the Bindery employees were referred to the Committee on the reorganization of the bindery, consisting of Messrs. Abbott and Whitmore.

Bindery employees.

Mrs. Anna C. D. Keen was appointed an assistant in the catalogue department from Sept. 1st, 1887, at a salary at the rate of $650. per annum.

Keen, Mrs.

Mayor's circular no. 18 in reference to official bonds was referred to the president to confer with the Mayor.

Official bonds.

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Sept. 1, 1887, amounting as per cash book of this date to $3230.63

Monthly bills $3230.63

Ordered, that John J. McKenna be allowed from July 26, 1887, at $7.67 per week.

McKenna,

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Sept. 20, 1887.

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1887.

The regular meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough and Whitmore.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

By-laws. Art. 1, Sec. 2.

The records of the meeting of August 16 were read and approved after the orders authorizing the president to make requisitions on the City Treasury, and drafts on Baring Bros. had been stricken out on the suggestion of Mr. Whitmore that they were provided for by Art. 1. sec. 2 of the By-laws.

Finances

The Librarian reported the monthly statement of the finances.

Wagenfeld, formerly Watson, leaves

That Mrs. Wagenfeld, formerly Miss M. E. Watson, assistant at the South Boston branch, had left the service Sept. 1, 1887, and he recommended that the next assistant, Miss Reata

Watson, Reata.

Watson, be promoted to her place, increasing her present salary of $6. per week to $8.75 per week from Sept. 1; and that Miss Alice B. Orcutt, now serving as a substitute, be promoted to the regular service at a salary at the rate of $6. per week from Oct. 1.

Donahoe

That James P. Donahoe, Bates Hall runner left the service on August 27, 1887, and that he had

Mahoney

engaged Daniel F. Mahoney in his place from August 29 at $3.50 per week, subject to the approval of the Board.

Sheridan

That Peter Sheridan, runner at the South End branch, will leave the service the 21st

Clasby.

inst., and that he had engaged Fred. Clasby in his place from the same date at $3.50 per week, subject to the approval of the Board.

The above recommendations for promotion and appointment, by the Librarian were approved

and confirmed by the Board.

He further reported that in accordance with the order of the Board passed August 16, 1887, Mrs. Anna C. D. Keen had entered upon her duties as Mrs. Keen.

an assistant in the catalogue room Sept. 1, 1887.

That, following the instructions of the Board, Bindery

the bindery was closed August 31 and all the employees therein had been discharged, and acting under the authority of the President, four of the bindery workmen had been reengaged by him to finish work under way, but incompleted, when the bindery was closed.

That by order of the President, the Sept. 17, 1887.

Library and branches were closed at 12 o'clock noon on Sept. 17, the anniversary of the settlement of Boston.

The Library auditor presented a schedule Monthly' bills

of bills payable at the City Treasury Oct. 1, 1887, $3104.03

amounting as per cash book of this date to $3104.03

Ordered, that the salary of Miss Reata Watson Watson.

be at the rate of $8.75 per week from Sept. 1, 1887.

Ordered, that Miss Alice B. Orcutt be allowed Orcutt.

from Oct. 1, 1887 at a salary at the rate of $6. per week.

Ordered, that Daniel F. Mahoney be allowed Mahoney.

from August 29, 1887 at $3.50 per week.

Ordered, that Fred. Clasby be allowed from Clasby.

Sept. 21, 1887 at $3.50 per week.

The request of C. K. Dillaway, Esq. for a Carpet for Rox.

carpet for the Librarian's room at the Roxbury branch was granted.

Mr. Griffin's report on the need of a hydraulic Elevator.

elevator for hoisting books in Bates Hall was referred to the President with full powers.

The application of F. J. Moses for a spe- Moses, Spec. Card.

cial card was referred to the president with full powers.

Morrison's application. John S. Morrison's application to be again employed in the Library was also referred to the president with full powers.

Bindery. A communication from Frank Ryder upon affairs in the Bindery was referred to the Committee upon the Bindery.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Wednesday
Oct. 5, 1887.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m., to appoint the Examining Committee.

Present: Messrs. Clarke and Haynes.

The Rev. Dr. Clarke in the chair.

The records of the meeting of Sept. 20 were not read.

The Examining Committee for 1887 was constituted as follows:- Examining Committee, 1887.

George W. Evans, Esq.
Wm. P. Blake, Esq.
Edward Baings, Esq.
Col. Henry Stone
Mrs. C. C. Smith } or substitutes of their appointing
" E. L. Homans }
Wm. S. Eaton, Esq.
Samuel Eliot, Esq.

Substitutes.

M. C. Davis, Esq.
Moses Merrill, Esq.
E. H. Clements, Esq.
Robert C. Winthrop, jr., Esq.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Tuesday, October 18, 1887.

No quorum.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was called for this day but a quorum failed to appear.

Thursday, Oct. 20, 1887.

Adjourned meeting

The adjourned regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Haynes.

The President, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Sept. 20 and Oct. 5 were read and approved.

Examining Committee.

The Librarian reported that the following persons had signified their acceptance as members of the Examining Committee:-

George W. Evans, Edward Bangs,
Wm. P. Blake, Col. Henry Stone,
Mrs. George E. Hale, Mrs. E. L. Homans,
Wm. S. Eaton, Samuel Eliot.

Finances.

He reported the monthly statement of the finances.

S. B. changes at.

That the changes at the South Boston branch authorized at the meeting of Sept. 20 had been effected.

Bindery.

That work in the bindery was completed Oct. 17 with the exception of books to be "finished" which it is estimated will require eighteen working days of the finisher's time; all the remaining employees have been discharged with the exception of Frank Ryder who will be needed to do a little work at so much an hour, and John Murphy who has been transferred to Bates Hall until further orders.

That Mr. Tucker, the Superintendent of Public Buildings, reports that under the

law transferring the care and control of the Library and branches to the Trustees, all repairs on the same are to be paid for out of the Library appropriation instead of that for Public Buildings.

Repairs to be charged to Library.

Mt. Bowdoin for a polling place

The request of Gen. Hazard Stevens that the Mt. Bowdoin delivery station may be let to the City for a polling place on the two election days of this year was granted.

Finance committee of City govt.

Mr. Greenough reported that he had been notified to attend a meeting of the Finance committee of the City Government to consult in respect to the Library funds.

B. & P. R.R. circular.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to sign a circular dated Oct. 12, 1887 from a committee of the stockholders of the Boston and Providence Railroad.

Treadwell estate.

The President reported that he had received $1700.00 from the Trustees of the Treadwell estate and he had paid the same to the City Treasurer.

Plans.

That the architects would report plans next week.

Monthly bills $2690.90

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Nov. 1, 1887 amounting as per cash book of this date to $2690.90.

Greenleaf's request.

On the request of James E. Greenleaf, Esq. that certain books given to the Charlestown branch by the late Miss Charlotte Harris be restored to him, he being of the opinion that they belong to his family, the Librarian was directed to say to him that the Trustees have not the power to comply.

Harris funds.

The Librarian reported the amount of money on hand, income of the Harris fund.

Saturday half holiday.

The president laid before the Board an order from the City Government, dated Sept. 22, 1887, requesting heads of departments to continue the Saturday half-holiday during the winter. Ordered to be placed on file.

Egypt exploration fund

A proposition to transfer the Library's subscription to the Egypt Exploration Fund from the English to the American branch was referred to the president with full powers.

Bindery.

The question of the Bindery was considered, but no action was taken.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Tuesday Nov. 1, 1887.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes and Whitmore.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Greenough, Mr. Whitmore was elected President pro tem. and took the chair.

Whitmore, Sr. pres^t pro tem.

The reading of the records of the meetings of Oct. 18 and 20 was deferred.

Ordered, that the Clerk notify the architect of the new library building that the Trustees wish him to meet them at their room with the plans of the new building at ten o'clock on Thursday next.

Architect requested to meet Trustees.

Adjourned to Thursday Nov. 3^d at 10 a. m.

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Thursday, Nov. 3d, 1887.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 10 a.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke, Haynes and Whitmore, and Messrs. McKim and Everett of the architects.

The reading of the records of the meetings of October 18 and 20 and Nov. 1 was deferred.

Plans for new building.

Plans were exhibited and the front elevation and perspective view of the proposed new library building.

Cost of new building.

Mr. Whitmore asked if any estimate of the probable cost of the building had been made and whether it could be erected for $400,000.00

Mr. McKim replied that no estimate had as yet been made, but that he was of opinion that the amount named would not be sufficient.

Corporation Counsel's opinion.

Mr. Whitmore then called the attention of the Board to the opinions of the Corporation Counsel given June 27 to the Trustees, and Oct. 17 to the City Architect, both of which he read, to the effect that no liability can be incurred on behalf of the City for any object beyond the amount duly appropriated therefor. That the Trustees ought not to go on and incur expense, but to report back the matter to the City Council when a definite estimate shall have been made.

Plans to be perfected.

Voted, that the architects be requested to go on perfecting the plans for the new library building so that an estimate of the cost can be had.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

Ordered, that the matter of the plans be

referred to the chairman to call a special meeting when the architect is ready to report the probable cost.

Bindery

The subject of the Library bindery was taken up, and it was

Bids for binding.

Ordered, that the special committee on the bindery be authorized to prepare and send out a tender for bids for contracts for such binding as can be done out of the building.

Gray, L. A. Inspector of bindings.

Ordered, that Louis A. Gray be appointed inspector of bindings in place of such Lower Hall work as he now does, at his present salary.

Examining Comtee.

The Librarian reported that Messrs. Samuel Eliot and William P. Blake had resigned from the Examining Committee and that Robert C. Winthrop, jr., Esq. had accepted appointment to said Committee.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1887.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Clarke and Haynes.

Dr. Clarke prest. protem.

In the absence of the president, Mr. Greenough, Dr. Clarke was chosen president *pro tem.* and took the chair.

The records of the meetings of Oct. 18, Nov. 1st and 3d were read and approved.

Election days

A communication was received from the City Government, ordering that all city employees be allowed a holiday without loss of pay on the days of the state and municipal elections. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Finances.

The Librarian reported the monthly statement of the finances.

Mrs. Eastman's death.

That Mrs. Roxanna M. Eastman died of pneumonia on Monday Nov. 14.

Examining Com^tee

That the Examining Committee had finished their tour of the Branch Libraries and that he had accompanied them.

Branch librarians' meeting.

That the monthly meeting of the branch librarians was held the 10th inst.

Bindery.

That acting under instructions from the Committee on the Bindery, he had re-engaged the following named members of the former bindery force at the same pay and hours as before:

Frank Ryder, forwarder; Wm. Hemstedt, pressman; Mrs. Bowen, Miss Moriarty, sewers.

Bids for binding.

He submitted a form of advertisement for proposals for bids to do the binding for the Library, which was referred to the Committee on the bindery.

Kittredge, C. F. letter from.

Mr. C. F. Kittredge's letter respecting the posting of bills on the fence surrounding the property under the control of the Trustees was laid before the Board but no action was taken.

Haupt, Dr. gift from.

Mr. Lysander Dickerman presented to the Library, in the name of Dr. Paul Haupt, of Johns Hopkins University a work entitled "Etudes archéologiques, linguistiques, et historiques dédiées à M. le Dr. C. Leemans," published at Leyden in 1885, whereupon it was

Thanks for same.

Voted, that the thanks of the Board be conveyed to Dr. Haupt for this munificent gift.

Voted, that the thanks of this Board are due to Mr. Lysander Dickerman for his interest in the matter.

Monthly bills $4239.79

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Dec. 1, 1887, amounting as per cash book of this date to $4239.79.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1887.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m. "for examination of the Architects' estimates, and for such other business as may come before them".

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Haynes and Whitmore, and Messrs. McKim and Everett from the Architects' office.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were not read.

Estimates for new building.

Mr. McKim stated that he had estimates all ready of the cost of the new building upon the plans previously submitted by him, but that a great deal of time would be needed for the explanation of the particulars; the subject was therefore laid upon the table and the Board was adjourned to the call of the President, at such time as he shall find that a session of the full Board can be had.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk

Friday, Dec. 16, 1887.

A special meeting of the Corporation "to receive the Architects' estimates, and to do such other business as may come before the Board", was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke and Haynes, and Messrs. McKim, Everett and Kellogg of the Architects' office.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Nov. 15 and 30 were not read.

McKim, Mead and White, architects $4275.

Voted, that the president be authorized to draw on the City Treasury in favor of McKim, Mead and White, architects, for $4275.00 in conformity with the provisions of their contract with the Trustees made and entered into March 30, 1887.

Estimated cost of new building $898,253.

Mr. McKim submitted an estimate based upon the entire cost of the finished building in all its details of $898,253.00. He stated that about $200,000.00 of this amount would be saved if half only of the stack were built now, and that the estimate included a percentage for possible omissions.

Plans, &c.

Certain plans were exhibited, and specimens of marble and granite were also shown as desirable to be used in the proposed new building.

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 3.30 p.m.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1887.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Nov. 15, Nov. 30, and Dec. 16 were not read.

Finances.

The Librarian reported the monthly statement of the finances.

McKenna.

That John J. McKenna left the service Dec. 3, 1887, and that he had engaged John S. Morrison in his place from Dec. 5 at $8.63 per week, subject to the approval of the Board.

Morrison.

Collins.

That he had engaged Dennis J. Collins as finisher in the bindery from Dec. 27th at $20. per week, subject to the approval of the Board.

The above appointments were approved and confirmed.

Table from G. B. Chase, Esq.

He further reported that a carved teak table had been presented to the Library by George B. Chase, Esq., and that he had ordered it placed in the Art Room, within the railing.

Whitmore, W. H. resigns from Bindery Com'tee.

Mr. Whitmore offered his resignation from the Committee upon the Bindery and it was accepted.

Abbott, S. A. B., constituted said Com'tee.

Voted, that Mr. Abbott act as said committee.

Monthly bills $4244.10

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Jan. 1, 1888, amounting as per cash book of this date to $4244.10

Morrison.

Ordered, that John S. Morrison be allowed from Dec. 5, at $8.63 per week.

Collins.

Ordered, that Dennis J. Collins be

allowed from Dec. 27 at $20. per week.

Binding for L. H. and Brs.

Ordered, that the president be authorized to make such contract for doing the Lower Hall and branch binding as may be approved by the Committee on Bindery.

Adjourned to Dec. 22 at 3 p.m.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Thursday Dec. 22, 1887.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Clarke and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Nov. 15, Nov. 30, Dec. 16 and Dec. 20 were read and approved.

Thanks voted to G. B. Chase, Esq.

The special thanks of the Board were voted to George B. Chase, Esq. for his gift to the Library of a massive teak table.

Bust of Walt Whitman.

A letter dated the 5th December from Messrs. Sylvester Baxter and Wm. S. Kennedy was read presenting to the Library a cast of a bust of Walt Whitman.

The Librarian was directed to answer the letter respectfully declining the proposed gift.

Mt. Bowdoin allowed $41.66 per month.

Ordered, that $41.66 per month be allowed the Mount Bowdoin delivery station commencing January 1st, 1888, to be expended by the Librarian in the purchase of periodicals and other necessary expenses, for the balance of the financial year.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1887.

A meeting of the Corporation as Commissioners on the new library building was held in the Trustees' room at 3.30 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Haynes and Whitmore, and Messrs. McKim and Everett.

Mr. Greenough in the chair.

New library plans.

Mr. McKim exhibited certain plans and proposed some modifications in the shape of the stack to gain room and light from a larger court yard at some saving of Expense. No definite action was taken by the Commissioners.

Mr. Whitmore came in after this business was concluded.

Adjourned to Thursday Dec. 22 at 3.30 p.m.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

The record of this meeting should immediately precede that of Dec. 22, 1887, on the opposite page.

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Thursday, Dec. 22, 1887.

An adjourned meeting of the Commissioners on the new library building was held in the Trustees' room at 3.30 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Clarke, and Haynes, and Messrs. McKim and Everett.

Mr. Greenough in the chair.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Clarke;

Stone for new building

Voted, that the stone to be selected for the exterior of the new library building, shall also be used in the construction of the parts facing upon the interior court yard.

Stack to be extended.

Voted, to extend the stack building back to the full limit of the lot, as proposed by the architects.

Working plans authorized.

Voted, that the architects be authorized to proceed to make working plans with the view of utilizing the entire lot for the stack building and central court.

On motion of Professor Haynes,

Material for new building.

Voted, that the material for the construction of the new library building be granite, with the exception of the rear wall, which is to be of brick.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Tuesday Jan. 17, 1888.

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings held Dec. 22 were read and approved.

Annual estimates

A circular was received from the City Auditor requesting the usual statement of the amount of money that will be required to maintain the Library during the coming financial year. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Rev. Ordinances Sec. 12 Ch. 4.

Also, a letter from his honor, the Mayor, calling the attention of the Board to the provisions of sec. 12 ch. 4 of the Revised Ordinances. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

The Librarian reported the monthly statement of the finances.

Branch librarians' meeting.

That the Branch librarians had their meeting in the Trustees' room the 12th inst.

Nurenberg.

That Esther Nurenberg left the service in the Lower Hall Dec. 31st 1887.

McGrath, Emily.

That Emily McGrath, one of the evening attendants had been engaged for the day service in the Lower Hall at $5.00 per week from January 9, 1888. This appointment was approved and confirmed by the Board.

Monthly bills $2653.31.

The Library auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Feb. 1, 1888 amounting as per cash book of this date to $2653.31.

Insp. of bindings, report.

The Inspector of bindings submitted a

report to date.

Barton catalogue

Ordered, that the City Printers be requested to furnish at least twice as much matter in type for the Barton catalogue as they have heretofore done.

Cataloguers to be engaged.

Ordered, that three assistants for the catalogue department be engaged as soon as suitable parties present themselves.

Librarian may buy foreign books.

Ordered, that in special cases where delay would fail to secure them, books to the value of not more than £5. in any one order may be ordered on the authority of the Librarian from foreign sale catalogues, the facts to be reported at the next meeting of the Board.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Thursday, Feb. 2, 1888.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m., to consider the amount to be asked for to maintain the Library and Branches for the coming financial year.

Present; Messrs. Greenough, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Jan. 17 was read and approved.

Appropriation for 1888

The subject of the annual appropriation was considered and it was

Ordered, that the question be referred to Messrs. Greenough and Whitmore to consider and report at an adjourned meeting of the Board, the estimate to include an amount for rent and repairs on the Library buildings which the Corporation Counsel has ruled must be paid in future out of the regular library appropriation.

Ordnance maps.

A letter from Messrs. N. Trübner & Co. in reference to Ordnance maps was committed to the president.

Roxbury branch to issue books by box.

The request of the Captain of Engine Co. No. 14 that the men under his command be permitted to draw books from the Roxbury Branch in the same way as they now do from the main Library was granted, and it was ordered that the permission be made general, to apply to all branch libraries and to be granted to all the engine houses, and to the police department.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Saturday, Feb. 11, 1888.

A special adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m. to consider the estimates for the annual appropriation for the maintenance of the Library and branches, and to do such other business as may come before them.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The reading of the record of the last meeting was deferred.

Annual estimate $120,000.00

The subject of the appropriation for the coming financial year was considered and it was

Voted, to ask for $120,000.00 distributed as follows:-

Binding,	$2500.
Books,	17000.
Expenses (misc., water rates, postage & telegrams)	2000.
Fuel,	2000.
Furniture and repairs,	1200.
Gas,	5000.
Printing catalogues,	7000.
Salaries,	80000.
Stationery,	800.
Transportation,	2500.
Total,	$120,000.00

Employees and salaries to be reported.

Circulars dated Jan. 3d and Feb. 6th respectively were received from the Mayor, the first asking for a report of the number of employees and salaries paid, and the other respecting contracts and changes among the employees,

and were ordered to be placed on file.

Binding for B. H. books

Ordered, that the Inspector of Bindings send to six good bookbinders for proposals to bind periodicals in Bates Hall style, and give the contract to the most responsible bidder, subject to the approval of Mr. Abbott.

Harris books.

Voted, that the binding of books belonging to the Harris collection at the Charlestown branch be chargeable to the Harris fund.

Meeting at Mayor's office.

The president said that he had attended a meeting of the heads of departments at the Mayor's office Feb. 6, but that he had nothing to report as the architects had not been heard from.

Adjourned to the call of the President.

Melleen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Feb. 18, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Feb. 2 and Feb. 11 were not read.

Annual report, draft of.

Mr. Greenough submitted the draft of the annual report, and it was

Voted, to have it printed before final action.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Saturday, March 9, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m., "to consider an "order of the City Government, and to do "such other business as may come before them."

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Haynes and Whitmore.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Feb. 2, Feb. 11, and Feb. 18 were not read.

Mt. Bowdoin, special appropriation.

The communication from the City Government requesting the Trustees to include in their estimates for the annual appropriation one thousand dollars for the Mt. Bowdoin delivery station was placed on file, the estimates having been already sent in, agreeably to the ordinance.

New library appropriation.

Some conversation was had in respect to the power of the Trustees to go forward and expend the balance of the appropriation for the Dartmouth street estate, unless the same be sufficient to erect the building, and on motion of Mr. Whitmore it was,

Corporation Counsel's opinion to be asked.

Ordered, that Messrs. Whitmore, Haynes and Abbott be a committee to confer with the Corporation Counsel, and to obtain his written opinion whether or not the Trustees, having had prepared plans for a building to cost largely in excess of their appropriation, are authorized to make contracts for, and erect such portion of such larger building as can be paid for by such present appropriation.

Finances.

The Librarian reported the monthly statement of the finances.

That pursuant to the order of the Board of January 17, 1888, he had engaged,

Seaver, Lillian F.
Knowles, Arthur F.

as catalogiers, Mrs. Lillian F. Seaver from Jan. 25 at $9.75 per week, and Mr. Arthur F. Knowles from January 28 at $11.75 per week.

Ordered, that the above appointments be approved and confirmed.

Harris funds

Mr. Greenough reported that he had seen the Corporation Counsel in regard to the Harris fund, and that he would give an opinion as soon as he could enquire into the matter.

Haynes, H. W., president pro tem.

Mr. Haynes was chosen president pro tem. during the absence of Mr. Greenough, and he was requested to obtain the opinion of the Corporation Counsel whether F. Schmidt is entitled to the reward offered by the Trustees for information given by him which led to the recovery of a book stolen from the Library and to the conviction of the thief.

Schmidt's claim for $50. reward.

Placard to be taken down.

Ordered, that the placard offering a reward of $50. be taken down.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk

Friday, March 16, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Abbott and Haynes.

The president, Mr. Greenough, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Feb. 2, Feb. 11, Feb. 18 and March 9 were read and approved.

Branch corner of Walpole and Tremont streets.

An order was received from the City Government, dated March 8, requesting the Trustees to consider and report as to the advisability of establishing a branch library at the corner of Tremont and Walpole streets, and was referred to Messrs. Abbott and Haynes to so consider and report.

Evacuation day.

The request of His Honor, The Mayor, to allow all employees in the Library a holiday without loss of pay on Evacuation day, the 17th of March, was considered, and it was

Ordered, that the Library and branches be closed on March 17th.

Bowditch, J. Ingersoll, gives $500.

The President laid before the Board a letter from J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Esq., enclosing his check for $500. to be expended by the Trustees in the purchase of mathematical books for the Bowditch collection, whereupon it was

Thanks for same.

Voted, that the thanks of the Trustees be sent to J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Esq. for his additional gift of $500. for the purchase of mathematical books for the Bowditch collection.

Voted, that the Committee provided for in the following:-

"Ordered, that Messrs. Whitmore, Haynes,

Committee on new library appropriation discharged.

"and Abbott be a committee to confer with the "Corporation Counsel, and to obtain his writ-"ten opinion whether or not the Trustees, having "had prepared plans for a building to cost largely "in excess of their appropriation, are authorized to "make contracts for, and erect such portion of "such larger building as can be paid for by such "present appropriation", be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

Annual report adopted.

The annual report of the Trustees was adopted, and was ordered to be sent to Mr. Whitmore for his signature.

Abbott, J. A. B., president. pro tem.

Mr. Abbott was chosen president, pro tem.

McKim & Co., $600. commission.

Voted, that the president pro tem. be authorized to draw on the City Treasury, in favor of Messrs. McKim, Mead, and White, architects, for $600.00 being one and one-half per cent. of four hundred thousand dollars, in conformity with the provisions of their contract with the Trustees made and entered into March 30, 1887.

Additional piling.

Ordered, that the president pro tem. be authorized to advertise for proposals for the additional piling needed for the new library building on Dartmouth street.

Adjourned.

Melleen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Friday, March 30, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott and Haynes.

The president pro tem., Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of March 16 was read and approved.

Finances.

The Librarian reported the monthly statement of the finances.

Hevenor Phillips, B. H. runners.

That he had engaged Harvey G. Hevener and George Phillips as Bates Hall runners from March 5 at $3.50 per week each, subject to the approval of the Board.

The above appointments were approved and confirmed by the Board.

Annual report in print.

He further reported that the annual report is in print, but awaits the minority report of Mr. Whitmore.

Vacation exceeded

He laid before the Board the requests for salary for time taken in excess of vacation from Maynard L. Young, Miss F. W. Pike of the Dorchester branch, Frank C. Blaisdell, and Agnes C. Doyle, but no action was taken.

Barnes A. E. applies for situation.

Miss Annette E. Barnes's application for a position in the East Boston branch was placed on file.

Schmidt's claim for reward.

Professor Haynes reported that the Corporation Counsel was of opinion that F. Schmidt is not entitled to the reward of $50. for information which led to the recovery of a stolen book.

Monthly bills $3995.19

The Library Auditor presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury April 1st 1888, amounting as per cash book of this date to $3995.19.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be re-

Trust funds, income of.

President to receipt for interest.

Traz and Gerlach, agency for mining literature.

quested to remit to Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., the income of the trust-funds, together with the Bowditch donation, amounting to $7864.94.

Ordered, that the President pro tem. be authorized to receipt for the interest of the trust-funds.

Mr. Abbott read a letter from Traz and Gerlach, of Freiburg, asking for the agency of the Library for the purchase of works relating to mines and mining and allied subjects.

Voted, that the firm above named be appointed to the agency stated.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Friday, March 30, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation as Commissioners of the new library building was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott and Haynes.

Mr. Abbott in the chair.

Plans presented.

The architects, Messrs. McKim, Mead and White, having presented general and working plans for the new public library building in accordance with the vote of the Commissioners of Dec. 22, 1887, upon estimates reported Dec. 16, 1887, it was

Same, accepted.

Voted, that said plans be approved.

New building to go on as far as appr.n will permit.

Voted, that the Trustees proceed to erect a library building capable of containing the present collection of books, with accommodations for the public as far as may be, and the present working force, adopting so much of the plans already submitted as can be completed within the appropriation made therefor by the City, and capable of enlargement, so as to conform with the full plans.

Piling, bids for.

The president pro tem. reported that bids for additional piling for the new library building were received from P. O'Riordan, George H. Cavanagh, John J. Scully, and Horace Sias.

Bids opened.

That said bids were opened by Mr. Flanagan, representing His Honor, The Mayor, at 12 o'clock, noon, March 28, 1888, whereupon it was

Scully, J. J. awarded contract.

Voted, that the lowest bid, that of John J. Scully, at $3.24 per pile, extra material excavated and carted away at 22 cents per cubic yard, and an allowance of $2.86 to the City for piles not driven, be accepted, and that the President, pro tem. be authorized to conclude

a contract with said John T. Scully, in behalf of the City, for the necessary piling, and to take and approve a suitable bond.

Heliotype Company, 1500 sets of drawings of plans.

Voted, that the President pro tem. be authorized to order of the Heliotype Company 1500 sets of plans to accompany the report of the Board upon the progress of the new library building.

Model of new building

Voted, that the model in plaster of the proposed new library building prepared by Messrs. McKim, Mead and White, be exhibited in Bates Hall.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk

Monday, May 7, 1888. Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 10 a.m.

Present: Messrs. Haynes, Prince and Whitmore.

Mellen Chamberlain, the Clerk, called to order.

A certificate of the election of Frederick O. Prince as a Trustee for five years from the first Monday in May 1888 was received from the City Clerk, which was read and ordered to be placed on file. Prince, F. O., a Trustee.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore, Mr. Haynes took the chair. Haynes, H. W., in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

Voted, that Messrs. Haynes and Clarke be a Committee to draw proper resolutions on the part of the Board, relative to the resignation of Mr. W. W. Greenough. Resolutions on retirement of Mr. Greenough.

On motion of Mr. Prince,

Voted, to proceed to the election of a President.

Professor Henry W. Haynes was unanimously elected President and took the chair. H. W. Haynes, elected President.

Mellen Chamberlain was chosen Clerk of the Corporation, as appears by the following certificate: M. Chamberlain elected clerk

Suffolk, s.s.

May 7, 1888.

Then personally appeared the above named Mellen Chamberlain and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of Clerk of the Corporation.

Before me
William H. Whitmore
Justice of the Peace.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

Ordered, that all books marked with two ** books.

** books.

stars which are not restricted to hall use only by the terms of gift or loan, may be allowed to be circulated on the written authorization of any one of the Trustees. Such permission shall be recorded and may annulled by vote of the Trustees.

June 18, 1888, a holiday.

The order from the City government that all the departments be closed June 18, and that the employees therein be allowed a holiday without loss of pay, was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Bignon's Ancient Egypt.

Voted, to subscribe for "Bignon's Ancient Egypt, or Mizraim", published by the American Polytechnic Company, Buffalo, N. Y.

Branch, cor. Walpole and Tremont sts.

The question of establishing a branch library in the old school house on the corner of Tremont and Walpole streets was referred to Messrs. Abbott and Prince to examine and report.

Adjourned to the call of the President

Melvin G. Chamberlain

Clerk

Saturday, May 12, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Haynes, Abbott and Prince.

The President, Mr. Haynes, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of March 30 and May 7 were read and approved.

** books.

Voted, that the order respecting two starred books, passed May 7, be rescinded.

same.

Ordered, that all books marked with two stars which are not restricted to hall use by the terms of gift, purchase, or loan, may be allowed to be circulated on the written authorization of any one of the Trustees. Such permission shall be recorded and may be annulled by vote of the Trustees.

Resolutions upon retirement of Mr. Greenough.

The president offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

The Trustees of the Boston Public Library, on the occasion of the retiring from their Board, upon which he has served for more than a generation, of their late President

William W. Greenough, Esq.,

desire to place upon their records an expression of their grateful acknowledgment, of the long, faithful, and valuable service he has rendered to this institution, and a tribute of their personal regard for him as an associate and friend, therefore,

Resolved, That the citizens of Boston owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Greenough for his disinterested labors in directing the progress and administering the affairs of her Public Library during his twenty-two years service as President of the Board of Trustees.

Resolutions upon retirement of Mr. Greenough.

Resolved, that a large share of the credit and success which have made the Boston Public Library a model and exemplar for all similar institutions that have been since established, in this country and abroad, is due to the sagacity and labors of its late President.

Resolved, that we wish to bear emphatic testimony to the courtesy and kindness ever manifested towards us by our late President, that we hereby express to him our sincere regret that our pleasant personal intercourse in our official duties has come to an end, and that we most heartily wish for him renewed health, and many happy and prosperous years in his retirement.

Resolved, that the Clerk of the Corporation be instructed to communicate a copy of these resolutions to Mr. Greenough.

Thanks to the Bostonian Soc'y.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Board of Trustees of the Boston Public Library are hereby tendered to the officers and members of the Bostonian Society for the kind permission granted to them to exhibit in their rooms, at considerable inconvenience to themselves, the model and plans of the new library building about to be erected upon Copley Square.

Resolved, that the Clerk of the Corporation be instructed to communicate a copy of this vote to the Bostonian Society.

Freedom of the alcoves to Mr. Greenough.

Ordered, that the freedom of the alcoves be accorded to William W. Greenough, Esq.

Copley picture, permission to photograph.

Ordered, that Mr. Walter Rowlandson's request to remove the painting by Copley to the yard in the rear of the Library building, for the purpose of making a photographic copy, be granted, provided the same be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Librarian,

and under the charge of professional picture hangers.

Haynes, H. W., resigns as President. Abbott, S. A. B., elected.

President Haynes resigned his office; whereupon Samuel A. B. Abbott was unanimously elected President.

Thanks voted to H. W. Haynes.

Voted, that the thanks of the Board be tendered to Mr. Haynes, the retiring President.

Acknowledgments, new form for.

Voted, to adopt a new form for acknowledgments for gifts.

Adjourned to Friday, May 18, 1888, at 3 p.m.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Saturday, May 12, 1888.

A meeting of the Trustees as Commissioners upon the new public library building was held in the Trustees' room at 4.55 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes and Prince.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The Commissioners' records of March 30, 1888, were read and approved.

Vote of May 30, rescinded.

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes,

Voted, to rescind the vote passed March 30, 1888, as follows:-

"Voted, that the Trustees proceed to erect a library "building capable of containing the present collec-"tion of books, with accommodations for the pub-"lic as far as may be, and the present working "force, adopting so much of the plans already sub-"mitted as can be completed within the appropria-"tion made therefor by the City, and capable of en-"largement so as to conform with the full plans."

New building to be erected on plans of McKim & Co.

On motion of Mr. Haynes,

Voted, that the Trustees of the Public Library proceed to commence the construction and erection of the new public library building, according to the plans made by Messrs. McKim, Mead and White, and approved by the said Trustees by vote of March 30, 1888, and go on with the work thereon so far as it can be done within the limits of the appropriation made for the erection of a new library building on Dartmouth street, Saint James avenue and Boylston street, according to the vote of the City Council, approved May 12, 1888, and expend the balance of said appriation therefor, and that the President be authorized to advertise for bids for such work.

On motion of Mr. Prince,

Voted, that the President be authorized

to select and employ such inspectors as may be necessary for the work.

President to employ inspectors.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlyn
Clerk.

May 18, 1888.

Friday, May 18, 1888.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes and Prince.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the two meetings held May 12, 1888, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the City Government as follows:

"City of Boston.
"In Board of Aldermen
"May 7, 1888.

Authority to construct new building

"Whereas, it appears from careful estimates presented by the architects appointed by the Trustees of the Public Library, that the cost of the new building will be $1,166,000.00 now therefore, in order to expedite the erection of said building, but intending that no more than the above sum shall be used in said construction,

"Ordered, that the Trustees of the Public Library be and hereby are authorized to commence the construction and erection of the new public library building, according to the plans made by the architects, McKim, Mead, and White, and approved by said Trustees, and to proceed with the work thereon so far as it can be done within the limits of the appropriation made for the erection of a new library building on Dartmouth street, St. James avenue, and Boylston street, and the said Trustees are authorized to expend the balance of said appropriation therefor.

"Passed, yeas 10, nays 2. Sent down for concurrence.
"In Common Council, May 10, concurred, yeas 62, nays 1.
"Approved by the Mayor May 12, 1888.

"A true copy.
"Attest: [signed] "J. H. O'Neil
"City Clerk."

Financial statement.

The Librarian reported the financial statement for the year ending April 30, 1888.

Branch librarians.

That the branch librarians met in the Trustees' room May 10, 1888.

Gorman and Whalen

That P. D. Gorman and George Whalen, Bates Hall runners left the service March 31, and May 5, respectively.

Lydon, M. J.

That M. J. Lydon had been engaged as Bates Hall runner from May 7 at $3.50 per week, subject to the approval of the Board.

Powers, Kate A.

That Miss Kate A. Powers had been engaged from Monday May 14th, at a compensation not to exceed $6. per week.

Ordered, that the above appointments be approved.

Examining Committee for 1888.

The Examining Committee for 1888 was appointed as follows:-

Geo. W. Evans, Esq.	Rev. Theo. A. Metcalf
John F. Andrew, Esq.	Mrs. Geo. S. Hale.
Mrs. Sarah W. Whitman.	P. J. Doherty, Esq.
Mrs. E. L. Homans	Dr. Harold Williams.
Harvey N. Shepard, Esq.	Arthur B. Ellis, Esq.
S. E. Herrick, D. D.	J. Wingate Rollins, Esq.
C. E. Stedman, M. D.	Chas. Henry Parker, Esq.

Mr. Greenough's resignation

Mr. Abbott read Mr. Greenough's reply to the resolutions of the Trustees passed at their last meeting.

Ordered, that the same be extended upon the records, together with the resolutions of the City Government, the letter from the employees of the Library and Mr. Greenough's reply thereto, addressed to the Librarian, and that the

Mr. Greenough's resignation.

whole correspondence relating to Mr. Greenough's retirement from the Board of Trustees be published in the next bulletin.

"City of Boston
"In Board of Aldermen.
"April 2, 1888.

"Whereas the City Council are informed of the "resignation of William W. Greenough as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library "after a term of service covering the period of thirty-"two years

"Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby expresses its appreciation of the valuable services "that have been rendered to the City by William "W. Greenough in connection with the founding "and growth of the Public Library during his "long continued service as a member of the Board "of Trustees and on the termination of his "labors upon the said Board the City Council desires to extend to him their best wishes for his "future welfare.

"Passed unanimously by a rising vote
"Sent down for concurrence
"Charles H. Allen, Chairman.

"In Common Council April 12, 1888
"Concurred unanimously by a rising vote.
"David F. Barry, President.

"Approved April 16, 1888.
"Hugh O'Brien
"Mayor.

"A true copy.
"Attest:
[signed] "J. H. O'Neil.
"City Clerk."

Mr. Greenough's resignation.

"Public Library
"Boston, April 30, 1888.

"To William W. Greenough, Esq.
"Dear Sir:

"We, the officers and "employes of the Boston Public Library, have heard with "sincere regret of your resignation as one of its Trustees.

"Some of us have been in the service no in-"considerable part of the time which covers your "administration of its affairs as President of the "Board of Trustees; and all of us sufficiently long "to become acquainted with the nature and "value of the services which you have rendered "to the Library.

"We wish to assure you that we have "a grateful sense of the interest which you "have always manifested in our welfare, and "that as you take leave of us you will go ac-"companied with our sincerest wishes for "your welfare and happiness."

[Signed by all the Officers and Employés.]

"Boston, May 10th 1888.

"Hon. Mellen Chamberlain,
"Librarian Public Library
"My dear Sir:

"At the close of my offi-"cial relations to the Library, it affords me great pleasure "to receive the valuable expression of personal regard, in "the form conveyed to me by the officers and employees of the "institution.

"The tasteful volume, containing their signatures, is "the more important as it ensures safe preserva-"tion. It will never fail to recall the pleasant con-"ditions which have existed for so many years

Mr. Greenough's resignation.

"between myself and the large force of earnest and busy "workers in the various departments of the Library "service.

"Will you please receive for yourself, and express "to all the signers of the document, my personal thanks "for this most unexpected and gratifying manifestation "of their kind remembrance. Nor do I forget the "agreeable personal intercourse with yourself since "your advent to your responsible office.

"I remain, as always
"Sincerely your friend
[signed] "Wm W. Greenough."

"299 Marlborough St.
"15th May 1888.

"Samuel A. B. Abbott, Esq.
"President, Trustees Public Library
"My dear Sir,

"I have received with "deep sensibility the preamble and resolutions of "the Trustees of the Public Library which have "been transmitted to me.

"My original appointment to the Board "was entirely unsought by me, and was accepted "solely for the performance of a public duty ac- "cording to the best of my ability — but during my "long connection with the institution, as it grew "in extent and usefulness, the duty became a "labor of love.

"The expressions of personal regard from those "friends with whom I have so long been associated "are most gratifying, and are warmly reciprocated "by me.

"In carrying forward the great trust imposed "upon the Board, first by the City Government,

"and afterwards increased by the Commonwealth, it "is matter of congratulation that its action on every "question submitted for its consideration during "these years has been substantially unanimous.

"I remain, dear Sir, with warm regards for "yourself and your associates,

"Sincerely yours
[signed] "Wm W. Greenough."

Dartmouth street appropriation.

Mr. Abbott reported the state of the Dartmouth street estate appropriation to May 1, 1888.

That he had drawn upon it since that date for $17.50 for advertising for bids for additional piling.

Packard and Berrill, inspectors.

That he had engaged Hubbard C. Packard as Inspector at $4.50 per day; James A. Berrill, assistant inspector at $4.00 per day; and Dennis J. McCarthy, night watchman at $2.25 per day, from May 21st. each.

McCarthy, watchman.

Ordered, That the action of the President be approved.

Vacation for binders.

Ordered, That the employed of the Bindery be allowed one week leave of absence for the present year without loss of pay.

Early summer closing.

Ordered, that the Branch librarians may arrange the hours of service for the months of June, July and August of the present year so that the female employed may have in turn one forenoon a week, provided, however, that this privilege shall not be allowed when the service requires attendance.

Ordered, that the Lower Hall, Branches and Reading-room be closed one hour earlier than usual, beginning Monday June 4, and ending Saturday Sept. 1, 1888.

Half holiday weekly.

The question of allowing the employes of the Central Library one afternoon a week during June, July and August, subject to such arrangements as may be made by the librarian, was laid upon the table.

Bindings, report on.

Ordered, that the report of the Inspector of bindings be laid upon the table.

Copley painting to be cleaned.

Ordered, that the Copley painting in the Art room be cleaned.

Mr. Prince, president pro tem.

Mr. Prince was elected president, pro tem. for all cases when the president shall be absent.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk.

Friday June 15, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott and Prince.

The president, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting held May 18 was read and approved.

Dr. Clarke's decease.

June 8, '88.

The president said that he doubtless expressed the feelings of the Trustees when, before proceeding to business, he offered the following resolutions, which were read and adopted.

Resolved, that the Trustees have heard with sincere regret of the decease of their late associate, the Rev. James Freeman Clarke, D.D.

Resolved, that by assiduous and conscientious discharge of his duties as a Trustee of the Boston Public Library, Dr. Clarke merited the respect and gratitude of the citizens of Boston; and that the surviving Trustees will ever hold in affectionate remembrance those qualities which endeared him to them in their personal and official intercourse.

Resolved, that these resolutions be entered upon the records, and that a copy be sent to the family of Dr. Clarke.

Mr. McKim, the architect, being present the following business in respect to the new building was transacted:

New building. wall to be set back

Ordered, that the west wall of the building be set back eighteen inches from the line of the lot, and constructed of brick, with a four inch facing of such brick as will be in harmony with the other walls.

Same, work on.

The president reported that work on the Dartmouth street building began May 14.

Piling contract.

Also, that by the authority given him, he had concluded a contract for piling. The contract being read, was approved.

Proposals, advertisements for.

Also, that proposals for the erection of the first story of the new building would be advertised in a few days.

Requisitions on Dartmouth st. estate fund.

He also reported the following requisitions on the fund of the Library Building, Dartmouth street, which were approved:

June 1, 1888, for advertising,	$17.60
Pay roll	$243.00
Special draft on the City Treasury in favor of McKim, Mead, and White, on account of commission as per contract	$18,875.00

Commission to architects $18875.00

Inspectors' pay disallowed.

Also, that the City Auditor had declined to allow the pay of the inspectors authorized at the meeting of May 12th, and the following correspondence had ensued: -

"June 13, 1888.

Letter to City Solicitor on same subject.

"My dear Mr. Bailey

"Referring to our conversation of "this morning in regard to hiring of inspectors "for the new public library building, I would say "that I do not think the Trustees of the Public "Library contemplated or intended when they made "the contract with McKim, Mead and White that "the latter should pay for the inspectors. The Trustees think that it is for the best interests of the "City that they should have inspectors responsible "to them and outside of the architects, and have "therefore authorized the present men.

"Very truly yours

[signed] "S. A. B. Abbott."

"A. J. Bailey, Esq., City Solicitor."

Hereupon the City Solicitor advised the allowance of said claims, and the City Auditor therefore allowed them.

Night watchman for new building

Ordered, that the President be authorized to employ a suitable person or persons as watchmen of the new building nights and holidays at a rate not exceedings $3. per night or day.

"Commissioners" abolished.

Ordered, that the word "Commissioners," as applied to the Trustees as having in charge the erection of the new building be discontinued, the same having been used inadvertently.

Holidays June 14 and 17

Two communications dated June 8, 1888 were received from the Mayor, one requesting that Monday June 18 be allowed as a holiday, without loss of pay, and that certain persons be allowed a holiday on June 14, without loss of pay, to attend the unveiling of the statue of General Putnam at Brooklyn, Conn. The other, requesting that a half-holiday without loss of pay be allowed on Saturdays from June 16 to the last Saturday in August. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Half holiday weekly.

Drafts on City Treasury.

The President reported the following drafts on the City Treasury which were approved:

Bills payable May 1st amounting	$4727.82
" June 1st "	2996.63
Pay-rolls for May	7118.84
" June (2 weeks)	2901.79

Hathaway $264.60

That he had made a special draft on the City Treasury in favor of F. P. Hathaway for $264.60 for binding books.

That he had drawn on Baring Bros. & Co. as follows: -

In favor of Messrs. N. Trübner for £149.19.11; in favor of Edward G. Allen for £12.7.6; in favor of G. Denerlich for M. 1748.55.

Trübner, £149.19.11
Allen, £12.7.6
Denerlich M. 1748.55

The President laid before the Trustees

Wolcott in relation to party wall.

a letter from J. Huntington Wolcott in relation to a party wall between his estate and the present library building. Laid upon the table.

Quarterly report & Statement of finances.

The Librarian laid before the Trustees his quarterly report no. 32 and also the monthly statement of the finances, which were ordered to be placed on file.

Mrs. Woolson on Examining Com^tee. Mr. Prince, Chairman.

Mrs. Abba Goold Woolson was chosen a member of the Examining Committee and Mr. Prince was appointed Chairman of said Committee.

June 17th

Ordered, the 17th of June falling on Sunday, that the Library and Branches be closed Monday the 18th.

Frames of Tosti engravings

Ordered, that the president be authorized to make such disposition of the frames of the Tosti Engravings, now in the basement, as he shall deem proper; also such changes in respect to the engravings of that collection now upon the walls, or in the Trustees' room, or Art room, together with a rearrangement of paintings or works of art.

Tosti engravings

Trustees' room, changes proposed.

The subject of changes in the Trustees' room, and rooms adjacent thereto, was laid upon the table, in the meantime Mr. McKim to send a builder to examine the premises.

Mt. Bowdoin

Ordered, that the Librarian be authorized to rent, suitable quarters for a reading-room at Mt. Bowdoin, employ a custodian thereof in connection with the present delivery station, light, heat and supply the same with periodicals, the whole expense thereof including express charges, not to exceed $1000.

Young, M., time in excess of vacation.

Maynard Young's request for compensation for time taken in excess of vacation was laid on the table.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain Clerk

Monday July 9. 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott and Prince.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of June 15, was read and approved.

Proposals advertised for

The President reported that under the authority given him by the Trustees May 12, 1888 he had advertised in four Boston papers, and in the American Architect and Building News of New York, proposals for the new building as follows:-

"Boston Public Library. Sealed proposals "will be received at the Trustees' room of the "Boston Public Library, Boylston street, on "or before July 5, 1888, at 12 M., when said "proposals will be opened in said Trustees' room, "for building the new public library on Dart "mouth street, up to the Bates Hall floor; pro- "posals to be addressed to His Honor, Hugh O' "Brien, Mayor, and deposited in a sealed box at "the Public Library; the right is reserved to "reject any or all proposals received. For spe- "cifications and proposal blanks apply at the "office of Messrs. McKim, Mead and White, 53 "Beacon street. The Trustees of the Public Library,
"by S. A. B. Abbott, President."

Extension of time for filing same.

Also that in consequence of some delay in the completion of the necessary number of blue-prints of the plans, he had extended the time for filing proposals for the new building from the 5th of July to the 17th.

Voted, to approve the foregoing acts of the President.

Reports of architects and inspectors

He further reported that he had directed the architects and inspectors to make weekly report of all work done on the new building.

Party wall of Boylston street estate.

Also, that he had received from J. Huntington Wolcott a copy of the description and conditions attached to his deed to the City referred to at the last meeting of the Trustees. Ordered to be placed on file.

Plan of piling &c. Draft of proposed contract.

He also presented a plan of the piling, masonry and iron work of the new building, and the proposed contract in relation thereto.

Ordered, that the same be approved; but the contract only so far as the form is concerned.

Heard, John jr., on Ex^g Com^tee

Ordered, that John Heard jr., Esq. be added to the Examining Committee.

Starred books, new regulations.

Ordered, that one star shall be placed on all dictionaries, periodicals, genealogies, local histories and bibliographies. Also upon books forming parts of series and others of permanent value likely to become rare, or having illustrations or plates liable to mutilation if circulated freely. Two stars shall be placed to gifts, purchases or loans received on condition that they do not circulate, also to works issued in a limited edition (say of 50 or 100 copies) and to others in the discretion of the Trustees. Three stars shall be affixed to monumental works, such as Nicolini's Pompei, Lepsius' Egypt, &c. and to other books of greater rarity or value than the one star books.

Same.

Ordered, that the terms on which certain two starred books may be loaned having been fixed by vote of the Trustees of May 12, 1888, it is further provided that books bearing one star may be loaned in the discretion of the person having charge of Bates Hall.

Starred books.

That three star books may be loaned by a Trustee, and in the absence of such Trustee, by the Librarian, and in his absence by the person in charge of Bates Hall.

Abstract of title of the Boylston street estate.

Ordered, that the Clerk request the City Solicitor to furnish the Trustees with an abstract of the title of the estate of the present library on Boylston street.

Architects' and Inspectors' reports.

The President presented a report of the Architects up to and including July 3^d, 1888; and three reports of the inspector from May 21 to July 3^d, 1888. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Book orders.

Ordered, that the Librarian report a plan by which the Trustees may know what books are ordered from time to time.

Foreign agencies.

The agencies for Italian and French books having been considered, the matter was laid upon the table.

Mt. Bowdoin lease.

The lease of certain premises at Mt. Bowdoin, for a reading-room, having been submitted, the same was approved, and it was

Same.

Ordered, that the same be executed by the President, on behalf of the Trustees.

Contracts and Abstracts to be printed.

Ordered, that the contracts for the new building be printed, and also abstracts of the proceedings of the Trustees relative thereto.

Repairs on Trustees' room.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to make certain repairs on the Trustees' room, and cause certain conveniences to be added, at an expense not exceeding $500.

Duplicates, list to be made.

Ordered, that a list of duplicates belonging to the Library, not on the shelves, be prepared and kept up.

Librarian to dispose of certain printed matter.

Ordered, that the Librarian be authorized to

dispose of certain congressional documents and other printed matter not required by the Library.

Half-holiday

Ordered, that a half-holiday for the months of July and August be allowed, without loss of pay, and, so far as practicable, on Saturday.

B. H. to close at 6 p.m.

Ordered, that Bates Hall be closed at 6 p.m. until further order.

Adjourned to Tuesday July 17 at 12 M.

Adjourned.

Milton Chamberlain Clerk.

Tuesday, July 17, 1888.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 12 M.

Present, Messrs. Abbott, Prince and Whitmore of the Trustees, and Messrs. McKim and Benton, of the architects' office.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of July 9 were not read.

Whitmore. W. H., protest.

Mr. Whitmore desired to file a protest as follows:-

"Boston, July 17, 1888.

"I hereby protest against any action being "taken by the Board of Trustees of the Boston "Public Library, in the matter of contracting for "the building of any portion thereof, according to "certain advertisements calling for tenders, for the "following reasons,

"1°. That no plans and specifications have "been approved by the Board after it had the power "to build and before the tenders were called for.

"2°. That no such advertisements have "ever been ordered by the Board.

"3°. That the specifications have not been "examined by the Trustees, my copy only being sent "me on July 13, 1888.

"4°. Because one new member of the Board "was only confirmed July 16, and has not seen the "plans, &c.

"5°. Because the plans and specifications "have not been approved by the Inspector of "Buildings (Mr. Damrell) and all work under "them is illegal. We ought not to make "contracts for work which may be disallowed "and which we cannot construct.

[signed] "W. H. Whitmore, Trustee."

Bids, proposed postponement in opening.

Mr. Whitmore made a motion to postpone opening the bids until such time as the Board shall order public notice thereof to be given by advertisement.

Mr. Prince said that time was of great value and that he should vote against such a proposition.

Yeas and nays

The yeas and nays were taken with the following result:

Abbott, nay; Prince, nay; Whitmore, yea.

Voted, to proceed to open the bids: Abbott and Prince, yea; Whitmore, nay.

Bids opened.

At 12.45 p.m. Mr. Dever of the Mayor's office opened the box containing the bids, and Mr. Abbott read the proposals, as follows:-

Hezekiah McLaughlin,	$354,555.00
Augustus Lothrop,	347,838.00
Norcross Brothers,	300,000.00
Woodbury and Leighton,	266,776.00

Inspector's report.

The president laid before the Board the report of the chief inspector of the work on the new library building to July 10th, inclusive, which was ordered to be placed on file.

Lowest bidders to be communicated with.

Voted, that the President be authorized to communicate with the lowest bidders, and after consultation with the architects, to make such enquiries respecting their proposal as may be necessary, and at the same time to consult with respect to their bondsmen.

Architects' plans to be filed with Insp. of Bldgs.

Voted, that the architects be requested to file copies of their plans with the Inspector of Buildings.

Adjourned to Wednesday, July 18, at 12 M.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Wednesday, July 18, 1888.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 12 M.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Pierce and Prince, of the Trustees, and McKim and Benton, from the architects' office.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the last two meetings were not read.

Pierce, Phineas, Trustee.

Phineas Pierce, Esq. presented his certificate of election, signed by the assistant City Clerk, as a Trustee of the Public Library for five years from the first Monday in May 1887, the unexpired term of James Freeman Clarke, deceased.

Bids for new building.

The Trustees considered the proposals for building the new public library up to the Bates Hall floor, which were opened the 17th inst. and without deciding the matter, adjourned to Monday July 23d at 3 p.m.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Monday, July 23, 1888

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Pierce, Prince and Whitmore.

The President: Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Woodbury & Leighton's proposal accepted.

Mr. Prince moved that the proposals of Woodbury and Leighton, they being the lowest bidders, be accepted; Mr. Whitmore moved as an amendment, the following:

amendment to vote on same.

"provided, that the said bidders give bonds "in the sum of fifty thousand dollars, with "sureties satisfactory to the Trustees, that they "will carry out the contract," which was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas and nays.

Mr. Abbott	yea
" Prince,	yea
" Pierce,	yea
" Whitmore,	yea
" Haynes,	yea

Adjournment.

Voted, that when the Corporation adjourn it be to Mr. Prince's office, 54 Devonshire street, at the call of the President, at one days notice.

Scully's delay in driving piles.

The President called attention to the default of John T. Scully in driving piles according to the time set forth in the contract, but no action was taken.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

July 30, 1888.

Trustees met agreeably to call this 3 p.m. at office of F. O. Prince, 54 Devonshire street, Boston.

Meeting at Mr. Prince's office.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Whitmore, Pierce and Prince.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore, Mr. Prince was elected Clerk, pro tem.

Mr. Prince reports conference with City Solicitor.

Mr. Prince reported that he had conferred with Mr. Bailey, City Solicitor, touching form of building contract, and presented the written opinion of that officer, responsive to certain written questions propounded to him and it was voted to place the same on file.

Woodbury and Leighton's sureties.

After some consideration of the sureties proposed by Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton to secure the fulfilment of their building contract, it was voted to adjourn to Tuesday July 31st at 1 p.m. at same place

Adjourned

Frederick O. Prince

Clerk, pro tem

Tuesday, July 31, 1888.

Meeting at Mr. Prince's office.

Trustees met.

Present: Abbott, Pierce and Prince.

Woodbury and Leighton's bond.

The subject of the contractors' bond was discussed, and in view of the fact that Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton were unable to furnish sureties satisfactory to the Trustees, it was

Contract with Woodbury and Leighton

Voted, that the President be authorized to execute and enter into a contract with Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton with a reserve of twenty-five per cent. instead of fifteen per cent. and to take the personal bond of the contractors without sureties.

Voted, to adjourn subject to the call of the President.

Adjourned

Frederick O. Prince.

Clerk, pro tem.

Wednesday, August 1, 1888.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Pierce and Prince.

The president, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Prince, Louis F. Gray was chosen Clerk, pro tem. during the absence of the Clerk.

Gray, L. F., Clerk pro tem.

The records of the last three meetings were not read.

City Solicitor's opinion that Trustees have authority to make contract.

Mr. Prince submitted an opinion of the City Solicitor dated July 27, 1888, that the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston have full authority to make for the City of Boston, the contract for building the new public library up to the Bates Hall floor.

Upon motion of Mr. Prince, it was unanimously

Contract to be made in triplicate.

Voted, that the President be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute and deliver in triplicate, in the name and on the behalf of the City of Boston, the contract with Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton for work to be done and material to be furnished in the erection and completion, up to the Bates Hall floor of the new Public Library building on Copley Square, and that a copy of said contract, and the bond appended thereto, be identified by the Clerk, pro tem. and placed on file, and one copy, similarly identified, be sent to the City Auditor.

Boylston street estate, Trustees authorized to dispose of.

An order from the City Government, dated June 14, 1888, was read authorizing the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston to sell or dispose of by public auction, the public library building and land on Boylston street at a sum not less than $700,000.00, the proceeds to be

credited to the appropriation for the construction of the new public library building on Dartmouth street.

After discussion and consideration it was placed on file.

Wolcott, J. H. about party wall

A letter was read from J. Huntington Wolcott, Esq., offering to reduce the amount for the release of certain restrictions now existing upon the lot of land occupied by the Public Library building on Boylston street, provided the City of Boston will consent to his building at his own cost a party wall upon the boundary between his land and that conveyed to the City Oct. 8, 1856 and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 707, fol. 299.

Same, invited to meet Trustees.

Ordered, that Mr. J. Huntington Wolcott, or his representative, be invited to meet the Trustees at a meeting to be held Friday Aug. 3 at 3 p.m.

Type-writer to be employed.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to employ a stenographer and type-writer at a salary not to exceed $400. per annum.

Electric lights for Lower Hall.

Ordered, that a system of electric lighting be installed in the part of the present library building below Bates Hall at an expense not exceeding $100.

British Museum general catalogue

Ordered, that the general catalogue of the British Museum library, so far as published, be purchased, and that its continuation be arranged for.

Prize plans, two uncalled for sets.

Ordered, that two sets of plans of those in the competition for prizes for plans for the proposed new library building that remain uncalled for by their makers be placed on the shelves.

City architect to deliver the 4 sets of prize plans.

Ordered, that the City Architect be requested to deliver to the Trustees of the Public Library

of the City of Boston, the four sets of plans to which prizes were adjudged by the said Trustees in January 1885.

Adjourned to Friday Aug. 3, 1888 at 3 p.m.

Adjourned
Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem

Aug. 3d 1888.

Friday, August 3d, 1888

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Pierce, and Prince, and Mr. C. U. Cotting, representing J. Huntington Wolcott, Esq.

Cotting, C. U. present

The president, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the last four meetings were not read.

Wolcott, J. H. party wall.

Mr. Wolcott's proposition to the Trustees at their last meeting relative to the party wall, was further discussed, and on motion of Mr. Prince, it was

Same.

Voted, that the Trustees will advise the City of Boston to release all the rights and easements created by an agreement between Joshua Huntington Wolcott and Samuel A. Way, dated May 11, 1854 and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 633, fol. 51 and appurtenant to that part of the old Public Library lot in Boylston street which was conveyed to the City by said Wolcott by deed dated November 16, 1856 and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 707, fol. 299; and also to permit said Wolcott to place one-half of a party wall upon the western side of the said old Public Library lot on Boylston street; upon the following conditions:

Same.

First, the said party wall shall be not less than twenty inches thick.

Second, the City and its assigns shall have the right to use and build upon all or any part of said party wall upon payment of one-half of the actual cost of the part of the wall so used.

Third, the said Wolcott shall release the said lot conveyed by him to the City from all conditions and restrictions therein contained as to light and air.

Fourth, the said Wolcott shall procure the release of all the conditions and restrictions set forth in the said agreement between himself and Samuel A. Way.

On motion of Mr. Prince,

Gray, L. F., salary increased.

Ordered, that the salary of Louis F. Gray be at the rate of $1800. per annum from August 1st 1888.

Contract with Woodbury and Leighton executed.

The President reported that he had executed the contract with Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton for building the new library building up to Bates Hall floor.

Certain changes permitted.

The President laid before the Trustees a request from Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton, approved by the architects, and it was thereupon,

Voted, that in accordance with the request of Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton, they be permitted without extra cost to the City to lay under all walls, piers, &c., one course of footings more than called for by the plans and specifications, each course to be at least eighteen inches thick, instead of two feet, so that the amount of masonry shall not be less than the amount called for by said plans and specifications.

Handbook, new edition ordered.

Ordered, that a new edition of the Handbook for Readers be prepared ready for printing

Adjourned

Louis F. Gray

Clerk, pro tem.

August 16, 1888.

Thursday, August 16, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Barton Library room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott and Pierce

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Mr. Prince unable to attend.

A note was read from Mr. Prince stating that he would be unable to attend the meeting.

The records of the meetings held July 23, July 30, July 31, August 1st and August 3d were read and approved.

Gibbs, E. L. employed.

The President reported that he had engaged upon probation Miss Effie L. Gibbs as a stenographer and type writer at $7.50 per week from August 17, 1888.

Electric lights for Lower Hall.

That he had ordered the electric light wiring in the Lower Hall from the Boston Electric Light Company.

Voted, to approve the action of the President in the above cases.

Corner stone may be laid Sept. 17.

He further reported that the architects had informed him that the Corner-stone of the new public library could be conveniently laid on September 17, 1888.

It was thereupon

Same. Mayor to be informed.

Voted, that the President be instructed to ask his honor Hugh O'Brien, Mayor of Boston, to lay the Corner stone of the new public library building on Monday the 17th of September next, at such hour and with such ceremonies as His Honor shall designate.

Architects' and Inspectors' reports.

He laid before the Trustees the report of the Architects and Inspectors on the new Library building from May 14 to August 14, 1888.

Ordered to be placed on file.

Shields, M., employed.

Voted, that Malachi Shields be employed

as an Inspector of the work on the new Public Library building at $4. a day from the time he begins work.

The following letter from the contractors was read and ordered to be placed on file:- Letter from Woodbury and Leighton relative to Scully's delay.

"Woodbury and Leighton
"Building Contractors,
"No. 164 Devonshire street
"Carpenter shop and Mason's Yard, 40 Thayer Street
"J. F. Woodbury, Mason. Geo. E. Leighton, Carpenter.
"Boston, August 11, 1888.

"Mr. S. A. B. Abbott
"Pres. Board of Trustees, Boston Pub. Library.
"Dear Sir:
"We do hereby notify you "that we are being delayed on the Public Library "Building by the previous contract for piling not "being completed: there being two pile driving "machines standing on the Boylston street side of "building lot, where we wish to erect derricks, "and we shall claim an extension of time on "our contract equal to the number of days these "machines remain on the lot.
"Yours respy
"Woodbury and Leighton"

Scully's delay

Voted, that John T. Scully be notified that the work under his contract with the Trustees is not being performed satisfactorily and according to the said contract, and that he be informed that the Trustees will complete the work upon the terms of the contract at his expense.

Contract to complete the work.

Voted, that the President is hereby authorized to make a contract for the completion of said work.

Amendment of vote.

Voted, to amend the vote of the Trustees of July 9th by inserting in place of the words "American Architect and Building News" the name of the "Engineering and Building Record".

Hevenor, leaves.

It was reported for the Librarian that Harvey H. Hevenor, Bates Hall runner, left the service May 18, 1888.

Leonard, C. engaged.

That Charles Leonard had been engaged as Bates Hall runner from May 14, at $3.50 a week,

Murphy, A. "

and Annie Murphy had been engaged in the Lower Hall from August 1 to Sept. 15 at $3.00 a week, subject to the approval of the Trustees.

Twickler, Julia transferred to B.H.

Ordered, that Miss Julia Twickler of the Lower Hall be transferred to the Catalogue department.

Riley, Nellie M., employed.

Ordered, that Miss Nellie M. Riley be employed in the Lower Hall in Miss Twickler's place, and that her salary be at the rate of $5.75 per week from August 20, 1888.

Sheridan, M. J. salary increased.

Ordered, that the salary of Miss Sheridan, Librarian of the South End Branch be at the rate of $12.50 per week from August 1, 1888.

Gibbs, E. L.

Ordered, that Effie L. Gibbs be employed at a salary at the rate of $7.50 per week from August 17, 1888.

Murphy, Annie.

Ordered, that Annie Murphy be employed at a salary of $3. per week from August 1, 1888.

Leonard, Chas.

Ordered, that Charles Leonard be employed at a salary at the rate of $3.50 per week from May 14, 1888.

Books to be destroyed.

Voted, that the following books be destroyed: "Women of New York" (G. 263.7) "Personals" (4407.16) "Spiritual manifestations", (112 5.5.) "Romance of Chastisement" (G. 263.6.)

Wash bowl &c., for Trustees' room.

Voted, that the President be authorized to cause a wash bowl and urinal to be placed

in the small room opening out of the Trustees' room at a cost not to exceed three hundred and fifty dollars.

Adjourned

Louis F. Gray

Clerk, pro tem.

Aug. 25. '88

Saturday, Aug. 25, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called was held in the Barton Library room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Pierce, and Prince, and Mr. Benton, from the Architects' office.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

By general consent the records of the meeting of August 16 were not read.

Pile driving discussed.

The quality of the pile driving on the new library lot was discussed.

Corner-stone laying of deferred.

It was decided to defer the laying of the Corner-stone of the new library building to some later day than September 17th, it appearing that it was impossible to be ready at that time.

Communication to Mayor.

Mr. Prince submitted a draft of a communication to His Honor, the Mayor, relative to this subject, but no action was taken.

Adjourned to Monday Aug. 27th at 3 p.m.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain Clerk.

Monday Aug. 27, 1888.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Barton Library room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Pierce, Prince and Whitmore.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

By unanimous consent the records of the meetings held August 16 and August 25 were not read.

South Boston Lease.

The question of renewal of the lease to the rooms now used for the South Boston branch was referred to Mr. Pierce to consider and report.

Corner-stone, letter to Mayor.

Mr. Prince submitted a draft of a communication to be sent to His Honor, the Mayor, touching the laying of the Corner-stone, which by vote, was laid on the table.

Clerk of Works.

A communication was received from Mr. McKim suggesting that a Clerk of the Works be appointed, whereupon it was

Stevens, E. F.

Ordered, that as required by the contract with the architects, Mr. Edward F. Stevens, be engaged on probation, as Clerk of the Works upon the new Library building from Sept. 1st, 1888 at $40. per week.

Same, Inspectors to report to.

Ordered, that the Inspectors engaged upon said work report to Mr. Stevens on the 1st Sept.

Adjournment.

Voted, that when the Trustees adjourn it be to Thursday August 30, at 3 p.m.

Leonard, Chas. Leaves service.

Daley, Edw. J. employed.

The Librarian reported that Charles Leonard, Bates Hall runner, left the service August 23d, and that he had engaged Edward J. Daley in his place from August 24, at $3.50 per week, subject to the approval of

the Trustees.

Daley. Edw. T.

Ordered, that Edward T. Daley be employed as Bates Hall runner from Aug. 24, 1888 at $3.50 per week.

Temporary building on new lot, to be put in order.

The subject of putting in order the temporary building now upon the new library lot, so that the working plans etc. may be kept therein was referred to Mr. Pierce with full powers.

Adjourned.

Melleu Chamberlain

Clerk.

Thursday Aug. 30, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Barton Library room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Pierce, Prince and Whitmore, and Messrs. M'Kim and Benton.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

By unanimous consent, the records of the meetings held August 16, 25 and 27 were not read.

Inspector of Buildings. suggests application for change of street lines.

A letter was read from the Inspector of Buildings, suggesting that the Board of Street Commissioners be applied to to change the street lines so as to admit of the erection of the new library building without compromising the City, or enabling owners of adjacent property to bring suit for damages, whereupon it was

Projection on St. James avenue deemed expedient.

Voted, that the Trustees regard it as expedient to project certain portions of the new library building, on St. James Avenue, beyond the street lines, in order to carry out the plan as already drawn and accepted.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore, the yeas and nays were ordered, with the following result:

Mr. Abbott, yea; Mr. Pierce, yea;
Mr. Prince, yea; Mr. Whitmore, nay.

On motion of Mr. Prince,

Platform to be extended.

Voted, that it is expedient to extend the line of the platform in front of the new building at right angles to Dartmouth street,

Modification of sidewalk lines to be asked for.

Voted, that it is expedient to ask for such modifications of the side walk lines of Huntington avenue, adjoining the new library building, as may be recommended by the Architects, and approved by the Trustees.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore, the yeas

Yeas and nays.

and nays were ordered as follows:

Mr. Abbott, yea; Mr. Pierce, yea;
Mr. Prince, yea; Mr. Whitmore, nay.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

Inspector of buildings, reply to.

Voted, that the Clerk be directed to reply to Mr. Damrell, the Inspector of Buildings, that the Trustees understand that the entire building is set back about thirty-five feet from the line of Dartmouth street, and consequently that no portion of the walls of the new building will encroach upon the line of Huntington avenue, and desire him to verify the fact, and notify the Trustees in case he finds that they are correct.

Street Commissioners conference asked

Voted, to ask a conference with the Street Commissioners in respect to the lines of the new library building on St. James and Huntington avenues, at their earliest possible convenience, and at such place as they may designate; and that Mr. McKim be notified to attend them.

Time and place of same.

Voted, that the Clerk call the meeting of the Trustees as above, at such place as he may be directed by the President.

Merrill, draft of contract with.

The President submitted a rough draft of a contract with Mr. Merrill in respect to the use of the westerly wall of the new building, and Mr. Prince was appointed a Committee with full powers to settle the terms of said contract.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Woodbury and Leighton's proposition to get corner-stone ready.

Voted, that the proposition of Woodbury and Leighton wherein they agree for the sum of $500. to be ready to lay the corner-stone of the new building on the 25th November and for $500. in addition to continue the corner up to Bates Hall floor, finishing said corner by Dec. 15, be accepted.

Half-holiday.

A communication dated August 27 was received from His Honor, the Mayor, requesting the Trustees to continue the weekly half-holiday through the month of September. Referred to the Librarian.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

applicants, list of to be made.

Ordered, that a list of applicants for positions in the Library, paying salaries of not more than $200. be kept, and vacancies be filled therefrom, on trial, in rotation.

Adjourned

Melvin Harrington
Clerk

Saturday September 1, 1888.

Street Commissioners, conference with.

A conference was held at the office of the Street Commissioners at City Hall at 11 a.m.

Present: Messrs. Pierce, Prince and Whitmore of the Trustees, and Messrs. Dore and Brady of the Street Commissioners, besides Messrs. McKim and Bolton from the Architects' office.

Modification of street lines asked.

The Trustees requested the Commissioners to make such modification of the lines of St. James avenue, Huntington avenue and Dartmouth street as would permit the erection of the walls of the new building on St. James avenue according to the plan, and the extension of the platforms by rectangular lines on Dartmouth street and Huntington ave.

Both boards, with the architect, visited the building, and without making any decision, the conference came to an end.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk

Friday Sept. 14, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation duly called was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Pierce and Prince.

Mr. Prince president pro tem.

Mr. Prince was elected President pro tem. and took the chair.

The records of the meetings of August 16, August 25, August 27 August 30 and Sept. 1, 1888 were read and approved.

Street Comm^rs letter from.

The following letter was received from the Board of Street Commissioners, and on motion of Mr. Pierce it was ordered to be placed on file:

"Office Board of Street Commissioners
"City Hall, Boston Sept. 12, 1888.

"To the Board of Trustees
"of the Boston Public Library.

"Gentlemen: The Board of Street Commissioners, after consideration of the plan submitted by you at an interview with them Saturday, Sept. 1, and your verbal request for certain changes in the lines of Saint James and Huntington avenues, to adapt those streets to the plans prepared by your architect for the new public library building, beg leave to state that they are of the opinion that such changes should not be made.

"Very respectfully
signed "John P. Dore
"Chairman
"Board of Street Commissioners."

James, to be petitioned for discontinuance of portions of St. James ave &c.

Ordered, that the President pro tem. in behalf of the Trustees, petition the Street Commissioners for the discontinuance of so much of St. James avenue as will allow of the erec-

tion of the new library building on Saint James avenue as the foundations are now laid and according to the plans of the architects, and also to discontinue so much of Huntington avenue as will permit the extension of the platform, and every part thereof, of the new library at right angles and to the line of Dartmouth street.

South Boston lease.

Mr. Pierce made a partial report upon the subject of the renewal of the lease for the premises occupied by the South Boston branch library, and asked further time, which was granted.

Scully's payment.

A certificate for payment was received from the Architects, stating that John T. Scully has finished the additional piling for the stack portion of the new library building, and that the work has been done according to the requirements of the contract, with the exception of the time of completion. Referred to the next meeting of the Trustees.

Temporary building on new library lot, repairing arranged for.

Mr. Pierce reported that agreeably to the vote of the Trustees of Aug. 27 he had authorized the expenditure of $1000. for repairing, arranging and connecting with the sewer in Dartmouth street, the building occupied by the Inspectors, Clerk of the Works and Contractors at the Library lot in Boylston street.

At 5.40 p.m. the Trustees adjourned to Monday Sept. 17 at 3 p.m.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Monday Sept. 27, 1888.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Pierce and Whitmore.

The President pro tem, Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Sept. 14 was read and approved.

Mattapan delivery, new quarters necessary.

The Librarian reported that the quarters used for the delivery station at Mattapan will have to be vacated, and that he had visited the locality with a view to selecting new accommodations, and will be ready to report to the Trustees the result of his enquiries in a few days, and asked for more time which was granted.

Brown, Jas., McLaughlin, Jas., Powers, Kate A. leave.

He further reported that James Brown and James McLaughlin, Bates Hall runners left the service Sept. 1, 1888, and Kate A. Powers left Sept. 8, 1888.

French, H. Harvey, W.H. engaged.

That he had engaged Henry French and William H. Harvey as Bates Hall runners from Sept. 4 and Sept. 7th respectively, at $3.50 per week each, subject to the approval of the Trustees.

Ordered, that Henry French and William H. Harvey be engaged from Sept. 4 and Sept. 7, respectively at $3.50 per week each.

Street Comm^rs petition to.

Mr. Prince reported the following:

"To the Board of Street Commissioners "of the City of Boston.

"Respectfully represent the Trustees of "the Public Library, that for reasons to be given "when a hearing shall be had, they desire a discon-"tinuance of so much of St. James Avenue as will "be covered by that part of the southerly wall of

"of the new public library which, as shown on the plan "of the same by McKim, Mead and White, architects, is "one foot wide for the distance of thirty feet westerly "from the south east corner of the building and for the "rest of the distance westerly, three inches wide.

"Said Trustees also ask for the discontinu-"ance of so much of Huntington avenue as will "permit the platform in front of the Library to be ex-"tended southerly to a point where the southerly "line of the building, prolonged, would intersect "the westerly line of Dartmouth street, prolonged "in a southerly direction, so that the easterly and "southerly sides of the platform would thus make "a right angle at said point."

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

Street Commrs. place and time of meeting

Voted, that the clerk notify the several Trustees as to the place and time of the hearing before the Board of Street Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore,

Clock for Trustees' room.

Voted, that the President, pro tem. be requested to select and purchase a clock for the Trustees' room.

Scully's payment.

The consideration of the certificate for payment to John T. Scully for pile driving was resumed, and the matter was laid on the table.

Adjourned at 4.05 p.m.

Melleu Chamberlain

Clerk

Wednesday Sept. 26, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Pierce and Whitmore.

The President pro tem. Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Sept. 17 was read and approved.

Basement floor authorized to be constructed at grade 11

The communication from the City Government dated Sept. 24, authorizing the Trustees to construct the basement floor of the rear of the new Library building at grade eleven, and that portion of the basement under the sidewalk on Dartmouth street at grade ten was read and ordered to be placed on file, and that a copy be sent to the architects.

Mattapan delivery

The Librarian asked and was given further time to arrange for new accommodations for the Mattapan delivery station.

Corner-stone, contract for

Mr. Prince reported the form of a contract with Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton to prepare for the laying of the corner stone of the new library building, which was read and approved, and it was

Same to be executed

Ordered, that the contract be executed by the president pro tem. on behalf of the Trustees.

Scully's payment

The certificate of payment to John T. Scully was taken up, and it was

Same allowed.

Ordered, that the sum of $2165.13 the balance certified to the Trustees by McKim, Mead and White as due John T. Scully for furnishing and driving piles under his contract of May 14, 1888, be paid him in settlement of said contract, and to release him from the claim of the Trustees for delay in the execution of the work thereunder, amounting to $410. provided he releases the Trustees

from all claim on his bill of Sept. 1, 1888, for $106.00 approved by McKim, Mead and White Sept. 18, 1888 for bank piles, plank, clapboards &c.

Corner-stone, letter to Mayor

The president pro tem. Mr. Prince submitted a draft of a communication to the Mayor in respect to the laying of the Corner stone of the new building, as follows:

"Public Library
"Boston Sept. 27, 1888.

"To His Honor
"Hugh O'Brien, Mayor of Boston.

"Dear Sir: I am instructed by the Trustees of the Public Library, to inform you that the work upon the New Building is so far advanced, that the 'Corner-stone' can be laid any time after the twenty-fifth day of November next.

"As it has been customary to commemorate such events by appropriate exercises, the Trustees presume it is expected that the corner-stone of an edifice which will not only be an attractive ornament to Boston, but an object of constant interest to our Citizens, will be laid with such ceremonies as the gravity of the occasion and the dignity of the City demand.

"Appointed agents of the municipal government to erect a building to contain the books which public and private liberality has wisely provided for the public use and enjoyment – for our Library is a Library for the people, the Trustees venture the suggestion that His Honor, the Mayor and the City Councils who have always manifested the greatest interest in the success of the work, and rendered most valuable assistance in its prosecution, should not only take the leading part in the celebration, but suggest the arrangements. They therefore respectfully invite the attention of the City government

to the matter, that such action may be taken therein as may seem proper.

"The Trustees suggest that Wednesday November 28th might be a convenient day for the celebration; they defer however to the judgment of the City government as to the time, as well as to the exercises of the occasion, and respectfully solicit a conference with yourself and those who may be selected to represent the City Councils in respect to the same.

"Very respectfully
[signed] "Frederick O. Prince.
"President pro tem.
"Trustees of the Pub. Library
"City of Boston."

South Boston premises

Mr. Pierce presented a copy of a letter dated Sept. 13, 1888 written by him to Thomas Hills, Esq., respecting the lease of the apartments now used for the South Boston branch, together with Mr. Hills's reply thereto dated Sept. 15, 1888, and a communication dated Sept. 20, 1888 from the Board of Investment of the South Boston Savings Bank to the effect that the said Board accepts the offer of the Trustees to remain as tenants at will of the premises now occupied by them from the date of the expiration of the lease by which they hold the same, the rent to be paid quarterly at the same rate as stated in said lease, and with the same conditions as to heat and care provided for therein.

Same, proposition of proprietors accepted.

Voted, that said proposition be accepted, and that said Board of Investment be notified, and that the whole correspondence be placed on file.

Model of new building.

The consideration of the place for ex-

hibition of the model of the new library building was resumed but no action was taken.

Adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

Melle Chamberlain
Clerk.

Monday Oct. 15, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Haynes and Pierce.

The president, pro tem., Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Sept. 26 was read and approved.

A circular from His Honor, the Mayor was received requesting that the half-holiday on Saturday be continued during the month of October. Referred to the Librarian to consider. — Saturday half-holiday for Oct.

The Librarian reported a change of quarters of the Mattapan delivery station to take place October 16th, from the 2d floor to the first floor in Oakland Hall, the rent to be paid as heretofore by the Custodian. — Mattapan delivery station removed.

Ordered, that the action of the Librarian be approved.

He further reported that John T. Scully had released to the Trustees all claim on his bill of Sept. 1, 1888 for $106.02 by receipting the same. — Scully's claim.

Ordered, that John J. Keenan's salary be at the rate of $6. per week from May 1, 1888. — Keenan, J. J. $6. a wk.

Ordered, that the salary of John F. Murphy be at the rate of $9.75 per week from May 1, 1888. — Murphy $9.75 a wk

Ordered, that the salaries of Michael F. Duffley, Michael F. Melledy and Daniel F. Mahoney be at the rate of $4. each, per week from Sept. 1, 1888. — Duffley, Melledy and Mahoney $4. each a week.

Voted, to accept the proposition of Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton to enlarge the temporary building on the new library lot so as to — Temporary building to be enlarged

receive the model of the new Library building, for the sum of $375.

Lunch bill — Voted, that Beckman and Punchard's bill for lunch to the Committee of the City Council upon the Public Library and the Trustees at Milford be approved.

Fares to Milford — Voted, to pay the fares to same amounting to $19.36.

Fireplace in J. R. $219.50 for putting in. — Hezekiah M'Laughlin's bill of $219.50 for putting in the fire place in the Trustees' room was laid upon the table

New Old South Church — Ordered, that the President pro tem. notify the Committee on the Public Library of the City Council that the New Old South Church may be used for the services in connection with the laying of the Corner stone of the new Library building.

Corner stone

Boxes for Corner Stone. — Ordered, that Professor Haynes be the Committee to determine the contents of the boxes to be deposited with the Corner stone.

Barton catalogue introduction to. — Professor Haynes read the proposed Introduction to the Barton catalogue, which was approved.

Cement testing machine. — The matter of a machine for testing cement was referred to Mr. Pierce with full powers.

Seat and steps and temporary staging $2000. — Voted, to accept the proposition of Woodbury and Leighton contained in their reply to a letter of M'Kim, Mead & White, both dated Oct. 15, 1888, to furnish and set seat and steps for corner of Dartmouth and Boylston streets for the sum of $1300, also, for wood platform and temporary staging for $700. making a total of $2000.

Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Melleny Chandler Cam
Clerk.

Thursday, Oct. 25, 1888

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Haynes and Pierce.

The President, pro tem., Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Oct. 15 was read and approved.

Finances for 6 mos. — The Librarian reported a statement of the finances for the six months to Oct. 1, 1888.

Architects' instruments $61. — Mr. Pierce presented a bill of Buff and Berger's amounting to $61. for architects' instruments for the use of the Clerk of the Works, which was approved and ordered to be paid.

On motion of Mr. Pierce it was

Marble mantel for Trustees' room. $650. — Voted, that an antique carved white mantlepiece of the period of the Italian renaissance, submitted by Messrs. M'Kim, Mead and White, be purchased for the new Public Library building for the sum of $650. and the same be ordered to be placed in the Trustees' room until the new Library is completed.

Music at Laying Corner Stone — Mr. Prince submitted a letter soliciting the engagement of the Germania Band to furnish music at the laying of the Corner-stone of the new building. Laid on the table.

M'Laughlin's bill $219 — Voted, that H. M'Laughlin's bill of $219. for setting up the white marble mantlepiece intended for the new Library building, temporarily in the present Trustees' room for preservation, be approved, and that the same be charged to the Dartmouth street appropriation.

Bills for fitting J. R. approval of. — Voted, that the President pro tem. and the Librarian be authorized to approve the bills incurred in fitting up the Trustees' room.

New elevator for B. H.

The Librarian laid before the Trustees a letter from the Custodian of the Shelves, in respect to the need of a new elevator in Bates Hall. Laid on the table.

Boxes for Corner stone.

Mr. Prince reported that he had attended to the duty of ordering copper boxes for the Corner stone of the new building.

Adjourned at 5 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Thursday Nov. 15, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Pierce and Prince.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting held Oct. 25 was read and approved.

Allston, delivery station at, and reading-room in Brighton.

A communication was received from the City Government, requesting the Trustees to consider and report upon the cost of establishing a delivery station at Allston, and a reading room near the junction of Market Street and Western avenue in Brighton. Referred to the Librarian to report.

Corner stone, Committee of City Council to coöperate with Trustees.

Also another communication was received from the City Government authorizing the joint standing committee to coöperate with the Trustees in making the necessary arrangements for laying the corner stone of the new Public Library building on the 28th of November next. Laid on the table.

Cunniff, Hon. M. M. presents bust of Mayor O'Brien.

The following letter was read from the Hon. Michael M. Cunniff:

"Boston, October 1st 1888.

"To the Trustees of the Boston Public Library,
"Boston, Mass.

"Gentlemen:-

"I desire to present to the Boston Public Library to be always kept "in some suitable place in the building where "said Library may be located the bronze bust "of His Honor Hugh O'Brien, the present "Mayor of this city.

"As is well known Mayor O'Brien

O'Brien bust.

"has given a great portion of his time and attention "to the advancement of this great institution the "interests of which you have in charge: he is a "graduate of our public schools to which he owes all "the educational advantages he ever received: "and he has throughout a long and honorable public "career been identified with almost every "measure for the advancement and maintenance "of our public schools, public libraries and public educational institutions.

"It seems to me therefore that in placing "this enduring monument in some public place "such as I have suggested, your honorable "Board will fitly commemorate such meritorious services, and will thereby show to the poor "and struggling youth of our great city the possibility of attaining with the educational means "which our city affords a position honored by "men and entitled to the admiration of all.

"Trusting that your honorable Board "will concur with me in the suggestions "which I have made.

"I have the honor to be

"Yours very respectfully

[signed] "Michael M. Cunniff."

Voted, that the gift of the bronze bust of His Honor, Hugh O'Brien, the Mayor of the City, presented to the Public Library by the Hon. Michael M. Cunniff, is hereby accepted upon the terms expressed in the foregoing letter and that the thanks of the Trustees are tendered to the donor.

Voted, that the Clerk be directed to transmit a copy of the above vote to Mr. Cunniff, also that the President be authorized to write an appropriate letter, as follows:

O'Brien bust.

"Hon. M. M. Cunniff.

"Dear Sir:

"The Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston are grateful for "your valuable gift of the bronze bust of His Honor "Mayor Hugh O'Brien. He has always been deeply interested in the library as a part of our free public educational system, and in his several official positions has "largely promoted its interests. There is propriety, "therefore, in placing this memorial of him in our "hall, among the benefactors of the institution.

"We endorse your sentiment that, as he received "from our public schools the education which enabled him to reach the high offices of honor and "trust he has filled so successfully and well, "this bronze may teach the poor and struggling "youth of our city the value of the free public "school in helping them to improve their condition and "attain to places of respectability and distinction in the "community. Lessons thus illustrated and enforced "are most valuable.

"The Trustees of the Public Library

"by J. A. B. Abbott, President"

"Nov. 28, 1888."

Finances to Nov. 1, '88.

The Librarian reported a statement of the finances to Nov. 1, 1888.

Foster, W. H., decease of.

That Mr. William H. Foster, Proof reader, died at 8.45 p.m. on November 2, 1888, having entered the service in September 1860.

same.

Resolved, that the Trustees have learned with sincere regret of the death of Mr. William H. Foster on the 2d November, who entered the service of the Library Sept. 1860, and by more than 28 years of devoted, efficient service won the respect of the Trustees, and all of his associates.

Resolutions to be sent Mr. Foster's family.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased.

Morrison, John S. decease of.

The Librarian also reported that John S. Morrison, assistant in the Shelf department, died at about 5 p.m. on November 1st, 1888.

Funeral expenses, half to be paid by Trustees

Ordered, That the Trustees pay one half of the funeral expenses not exceeding $21.

Fray, Mary R. resigns.

He laid before the Trustees the resignation of Miss Mary R. Fray, assistant in the East Boston branch to take effect Nov. 17, 1888. Laid upon the table.

French, H. leaves.

He reported that Henry French left the service Oct 4, 1888, and that he had engaged

Hamilton, Geo. H. $4. a week

George M. Hamilton in his place from Oct. 10, at $4. per week, subject to the approval of the Trustees.

Gray, Henry D. $3.50 a week

That he had engaged Henry D. Gray from Oct. 26 at $3.50 per week, subject to the approval of the Trustees.

Conroy, M. J. $3.50

That he had engaged Martin J. Conroy from Nov. 9, at $3.50 per week, subject to the approval of the Trustees.

Hamilton, G. H. Gray. Conroy.

Ordered, that George M. Hamilton be allowed from Oct. 10, at $4. per week; that Henry D. Gray be allowed from Oct. 26 at $3.50 per week; that Martin J. Conroy be allowed from Nov. 9 at $3.50.

Silver trowel.

Mr. Prince reported that he had attended to the purchase of a silver trowel to be used in laying the corner stone of the new Public Library building.

Boxes for Corner Stone.

Mr. Prince reported that he had caused two copper boxes to be prepared, suitable to be laid with the corner stone.

Peabody medal.

Mr. Haynes presented a medal of

George Peabody, in bronze, from the Trustees of the Peabody fund.

Peabody medal.

Voted, to accept the same and that it be placed with the other medals belonging to the Library in the show case in Bates Hall.

O'Reilly, Jno. Boyle to write a poem

Voted, that Mr. Prince be requested to ascertain if Mr. John Boyle O'Reilley will write a poem on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the new Public Library building.

Corner-stone exercises, Com^tee. of arrangements

Messrs. Prince and Haynes were appointed a committee with full powers to make suitable arrangements for the exercises in connection with the laying of the corner-stone.

Adjourned at 5.12 p.m.

William Cunningham
Clerk.

Nov. 24, '88

Saturday Nov. 24, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Pierce, Prince and Whitmore.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Nov. 15 was read and approved.

Allston delivery report on.

The Librarian reported on the order of the City Government that a delivery station in Allston could be established and maintained at an expense per annum not exceeding $400. That the expense of establishing and maintaining a reading-room in the vicinity of the junction of Market street and Western avenue in North Brighton would amount to about $1000. per annum, plus the rent of a suitable room, but no such room being found in that vicinity, no estimate can be given.

Same, President to report

Ordered, that the President be requested to report to the City Government accordingly.

Davenport, Dor. janitor.

The Librarian also reported the request of Mr. Davenport, the Janitor of the Dorchester branch, to be reimbursed for certain transportation expenses he had incurred. Referred to the President with full powers.

Mt. Bowdoin reading room for ward purposes.

Mr. Pierce made a statement with respect to the use of the Mt. Bowdoin Reading Room for ward purposes. The lease was referred to Mr. Prince and Mr. Pierce to consider and report.

O'Reilly, John Boyle, unable to write poem

Mr. Prince said that agreeably to the order of the Trustees; he had invited John Boyle O'Reilly, Esq. to deliver a poem at the laying of the Corner stone of the new public Library building.

That Mr. O'Reilly expressed himself as

being highly gratified by the request of the Trustees, and that he would have cheerfully complied with it, had he not already made arrangements which would take him to the West, there to remain until after the laying of the Corner stone.

Holmes, O.W. promises to write a hymn.

Mr. Prince also read a note from Dr. O. W. Holmes, addressed to himself in which Dr. Holmes expressed the hope that he will be able to write "a hymn, or something like it" for the occasion.

Corner-stone proposed exercises.

Mr. Prince also reported the proposed exercises at the laying of the Corner stone.

Dorchester employees allowed forenoon a week.

The request of the employes of the Dorchester Branch to be allowed to continue throughout the year the one forenoon a week vacation usually allowed during the summer months, was referred to the Librarian with full powers.

Plans, proposed modification.

Mr. Abbott made some suggestions respecting the modification of the plans by which there would be a saving of excavation and other work under the platform on the Dartmouth street front of the new Public Library building.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Whitmore, was adopted:

Vacancies, how to be filled.

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Board, all vacancies occurring in the service of the Library should be filled from the number of employés if one competent for the place be found.

Reports of pension Bureau.

A letter to Mr. Prince, from the Bureau of Pensions at Washington, transmitting certain reports that are lacking in the Library's files was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Bricklayers' Union, letter requesting leave to take part at laying of Corner stone

A letter to Mr. Greenough from the Bricklayers' Union was read, requesting leave to take part in the ceremonies at the

laying of the Corner stone. Mr. Abbott said he had answered the same. Referred to the Joint Committee of the City Government to make such arrangements as may be practicable.

Clerk of Works railroad ticket for.

Ordered, that Edward F. Stevens, Clerk of the Works, be allowed to purchase a thousand mile ticket on the Boston and Albany railroad.

Pierce, Phineas to approve bills.

Ordered, that Mr. Pierce be requested to examine, and if found correct, to approve the bills contracted by the Clerk of the Works.

Periodicals, List of.

Ordered, that the Librarian make up a list of periodicals taken by the Library and present the same at the next meeting of the Trustees.

£200. to Barings.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to transmit £200. to Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. to be placed to the credit of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston.

At 5.35 p.m. adjourned to Monday Nov. 26, at 4 p.m.

Adjourned

Melvin Hamtalam

Clerk.

Monday Nov. 26, 1888.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Record not read.

By unanimous consent the reading of the record of Nov. 24 was deferred.

Corner-stone, programme of exercises.

Mr. Prince reported the following programme of exercises to be held at the laying of the Corner stone: -

Order of Exercises.

1. Music — By the Germania Orchestra.
2. Prayer — By the Rev. Dr. George A. Gordon
3. Poem — By Oliver Wendell Holmes.
4. Music
5. Address on Behalf of the Trustees — By the Hon. Frederick O. Prince
6. Presentation of the Silver Trowel and Address — By His Honor Mayor Hugh O'Brien.
7. Music.
8. Benediction

At the close of the exercises the Corner Stone will be laid.

adj'd to New Old South Church

Voted, that when the Trustees adjourn it be to the vestry of the New Old South Church on Wednesday Nov. 28 at 11.45 o'clock a. m.

At 5.12 p.m

Adjourned

Melvin Hamtalam

Clerk

Wednesday Nov. 28, 1888.

Meeting at Old South Church and laying of Corner Stone.

The Trustees, with the exception of Mr. Whitmore, met pursuant to adjournment in the Vestry of the New Old South Church at a quarter to twelve o'clock, whence they proceeded, accompanied by His Honor, the Mayor, the Rev. Dr. George A. Gordon, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, President Barry of the Common Council, the Librarian, the Hon. Mellen Chamberlain, Mr. William W. Greenough, ex-president of the Trustees, and the Architect C. F. McKim, Esq., to the body of the Church where the exercises according to the programme reported at the last meeting were held.

Silver trowel presented to the Mayor.

Voted, to present the silver trowel used in laying the Corner stone, to His Honor, the Mayor.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 3 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the meetings held Nov. 24, Nov. 26, and Nov. 28 were read and approved.

Financial statement

The Librarian reported a statement of the finances to December 1st 1888.

Hunter, K. M. leaves

He reported that Miss K. M. Hunter left the service of the Lower Hall December 1st, 1888.

Russell, S. H., gift.

He called the attention of the Trustees to a gift from Samuel H. Russell, Esq. of two volumes of more than ordinary interest and value. The first is a volume of the Censor, a newspaper printed in Boston in 1771 and 1772, and this copy in its completeness is supposed to be unique. The other volume is entitled Prodigiorum ac ostentorum chronicon, by Conrad Lycosthenes, or Wolffhart. Basel, 1557.

"The Censor"

Prodigiorum ac ostentorum chronicon

Voted, that the special thanks of the Trustees be returned to Mr. Russell for his interesting and valuable gift.

Clock for Trustees' room.

Mr. Prince asked for more time to select a clock for the Trustees' room, which matter was committed to him Sept. 27.

He also proposed that in the meantime an inexpensive clock be purchased. Report accepted and adopted.

Miss Pray's resignation

The resignation of Miss Pray of the East Boston branch, reported to the Trustees Nov. 15th was accepted, and Miss Emma D. Coleman was elected to her place at a salary at

Coleman, Emma D.

the rate of $7.75 per week for the first year, beginning Dec. 11, 1888. The appointment of a successor to Miss Coleman was deferred.

Davenport's petition — The President asked for, and was granted further time for a report upon Mr. Davenport's petition, referred to him on Nov. 24th.

Mt. Bowdoin lease. — Mr. Prince reported that in the lease of the Mount Bowdoin reading-room there is a reservation of the right to use the premises for Ward room purposes, hence no further action is required;

Periodical list. — The Librarian reported a list of the periodicals as directed at the meeting of Nov. 24, which was laid upon the table.

Encyc. Brittanica for Chn. — Voted, to purchase a new edition of the Encyclopaedia Brittanica, the same having existed in some edition as early as 1850, for the Charlestown Branch, and charge the same to the Harris fund.

Chn volumes may be transferred — Voted, owing to the insecure state of the Charlestown branch building from fire, that the Librarian be authorized to remove therefrom to the Central Library for safety, such rare volumes as may seem to him proper.

On motion of Mr. Haynes,

Thanks to Com^tee of New Old South — Voted, that the thanks of the Trustees are due to the standing committee of the New Old South Church for granting the use of that edifice for the exercises attending the laying of the corner stone of the new Public Library Building.

Same to Rev. Dr. Gordon — Voted, that the thanks of the Trustees be tendered to the Rev. Dr. George A. Gordon, for officiating as chaplain on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the new

Public Library building.

Thanks to Hon. F. O. Prince. — Voted, that the thanks of the Trustees be tendered to the Hon. Frederick O. Prince for his oration on the occasion of the laying of the Corner stone of the new Public Library building.

— to Mayor O'Brien. — Voted, that the thanks of the Trustees be tendered to His Honor, Hugh O'Brien for his remarks on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the new Public Library building.

— to Dr. O.W. Holmes. — Voted, that the thanks of the Trustees be tendered to Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes for the poem composed and read by him commemorating the laying of the Corner stone of the new Public Library building.

Report, expedient to keep B. H. open evenings. — Voted, that it is expedient to keep Bates Hall open evenings until 10 o'clock, and that the President be authorized to apply to the City Council for the needed funds.

Cost of same to be reported — Ordered, that the Librarian be directed to consider and report the cost of keeping Bates Hall open until 10 o'clock each evening.

Employees to be classified and salaries to be reported. — Ordered, that the Librarian be directed to consider and report a system of classification of the employés in the Library and a schedule of salaries for the same.

Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Melvin G. Chamberlain
Clerk.

Dec. 18. 1888.

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1888.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of December 11 was read and approved.

Votes of thanks returned.

The Librarian reported that he had sent copies of the votes of thanks passed at the last meeting of the Trustees to the Standing Committee of the New Old South Church, and to the respective gentlemen who participated in the exercises of laying the Corner stone of the New Public Library building.

Circulation increased.

He reported an increase of the circulation of the Library for the eleven months to December 1st 1888, of 81297.

Cost of keeping B. H. open evenings $5000.

He also reported that the cost of keeping Bates Hall open until 10 p.m. would amount, by estimate to $5000.00

Lions for new building

The President reported that the lions in Siena marble, according to the designs of St. Gaudens, for the stairway of the new Public Library building would cost $9400.00

Same.

Voted, that the President be authorized to contract for two lions after St. Gaudens' designs, to be done in Siena marble, for the stairway of the new Public Library building at a cost not exceeding nine thousand four hundred dollars, ($9400.00)

Franklin portrait to be repaired.

Voted, that the Librarian cause the portrait of Franklin, by Greuze, to be cleaned and backed, and the frame put in order at a cost not to exceed $40.

Voted, that the design for a seal, made

by St. Gaudens, with the following motto: Corporation seal.

"Toti genitum populo"

with the following inscription running around the outer edge of the field: — see p. 312

"The Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston",

be engraved, and laid before the Trustees for consideration as the seal to be adopted as the Seal of the Corporation.

Woodbury and Leighton, cut granite.

The President laid before the Trustees the following draft of an agreement by Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton to deliver certain stone cut for the new Public Library building before it is used in construction: —

"Boston, Dec. 17, 1888.

"We, Woodbury and Leighton, party of "the second part to a contract made with "the City of Boston as party of the first part, "dated August 1st, 1888, hereby sell, transfer and "deliver to the party of the first part all that "cut granite designed for the Library building "specified in said contract, and now on the "land of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company near the corner of Exeter and Boylston "streets, Boston. But nothing in this contract of sale shall be construed to prevent the "said party of the first part from making "reclamation from said party of the second "part for any and all defects in material "and workmanship on said granite according to "the specifications in said contract called for.

" And it is further agreed by and between "said parties that said granite shall be used "by said party of the second part in the construction of said building, and that the price

Agreement about cut granite.

"paid for it by said party of the first part shall be "taken to be a part of the sum to be paid to said "party of the second part by said party of the first "part according to said contract. It is further "agreed that said party of the second part shall "pay and make good all damage and deterioration "which may happen to said stone before it is "used in the erection of said building, and shall, "at their own proper cost, provide for storage of "the same, and shall pay all charges of every sort "and nature upon the same until it is used "on said building as aforesaid."

Ordered, that said draft be approved, and that the President be authorized to approve bills for said granite upon the Architects' certificate when said draft is executed by said Woodbury and Leighton.

Modification of contract.

The President laid before the Trustees the following draft of a modification of the contract between the City of Boston and Woodbury and Leighton, as follows:-

"It is hereby agreed at the request of the "Trustees of the Public Library, that all mortar "work under the within contract shall be dis-"continued from December 24, 1888 to March 15, 1889, "and that the time for completion of said work "under said contract shall be extended thirty-"five days on account of said discontinuance; "but the contractor agrees to prosecute with "special rapidity any special portion of the "work which the said Trustees may desire to "hasten. The right to have done work upon "said building, other than that specified in "said contract, before the completion of said "contract, is secured to the said Trustees."

It was thereupon

Ordered, that the President be authorized to accept said modification and to execute said draft on behalf of the Trustees.

Woodbury and L. (corner stone-$1500.)

He also presented a bill of Woodbury and Leighton's, dated December 18th 1888, for building up the north-east corner of the new Public Library building out of course in order to lay the corner-stone Nov. 25th 1888, according to a contract made 26th September 1888 for the sum of $1500. Approved and ordered to be paid.

Lease of granite quarry

Ordered, that the President, on behalf of the Trustees be authorized to take a lease of land and granite quarry in Milford, owned by Timothy Shea, at one dollar ($1.00) per annum for not more than ten years.

French agency.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to enter into a contract with an agent in Paris for the purchase of books for the Library, said proposed contract to be laid before the Trustees.

Entrance of new Bldg. approved.

Voted, that the entrance for the new Public Library building, as shown in the model thereof, be approved, and adopted, and that the foundations thereof be laid.

Adjourned at 6 p.m.

Melvin G. Kendall
Clerk

Jan. 10, '89.

Thursday, Jan. 10, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Whitmore, who left before the reading of the records.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Dec. 18, 1888 was read and approved.

Land on St. James ave.

A communication dated Dec. 24, 1888 was received from the City Government requesting the Trustees to report upon the expediency of purchasing a lot of land on St. James avenue, for the purpose of providing additional space for light and air. Read and laid on the table.

Finances

The Librarian reported a statement of the Library finances from May 1, 1888 to Jan. 1, 1889.

Flanders, E.W. at E. B.

That he had engaged Miss E. W. Flanders for service at the East Boston branch in place of Miss Coleman, promoted, from Dec. 14, 1888 at $5.75 per week, subject to the approval of the Trustees.

Lydon, leaves.

That Michael J. Lydon, Bates Hall runner, left the service January 3d, 1889 and that he

Remlinger.

had engaged in his place George F. Remlinger from Jan. 3, 1889 at $3.50 per week, subject to the approval of the Trustees.

Flanders.

Ordered, that Miss E. W. Flanders be engaged from Dec. 14, 1888 at $5.75 per week.

Remlinger

Ordered, that George F. Remlinger be engaged from Jan. 3, 1889 at $3.50 per week.

McKim, letter from.

The President laid before the Trustees a letter from C. F. McKim Esq., dated Jan. 8, 1889.

Voted, that the President have power to order "two drawings, one in outline, for

the stamp seal, the other in tone or tints, to be reduced and used as a paster on the books of the Library" at an expense not exceeding $250.

Corporation seal.

Voted, that the Trustees hereby approve and adopt the plans, designs, and models for the new Public Library building as they are shown in the plans, drawings of the Architects, and in the models and designs of the building and sculpture now in the building of the Clerk of the Works on Boylston street.

Plans, &c., of new building approved.

Voted, to procure estimates of the cost of fitting up the Art Room to receive the Patent Collection and of fitting up the Patent room as a Bates Hall extension.

Patent collection cost of removal to be reported.

Adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

Melleny Henderson
Clerk

Jan. 19, 1889.

Saturday January 19, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes and Pierce.

The record of the meeting of January 10 was read and approved.

Whitmore, W. H. resignation of.

The President read a letter from W. H. Whitmore, Esq., announcing that he had tendered his resignation as a Trustee of the Public Library to His Honor, the Mayor, to go into effect when his successor shall be chosen.

"Boston Public Library
"Trustees Room
"January 15, 1889.

"J. A. B. Abbott, Esq.
"Dear Sir:

"I beg leave to announce to the "Board of Trustees, that my resignation as a member thereof, was sent to his honor Mayor Hart "on the 10th, to take effect when my successor shall "be chosen and qualified. The reasons given in "my letter to the Mayor will probably sufficiently "explain my action. I am not aware of any "precedent to show whether this notice to the "Board should be given, but I assume the right "in order to express the hope that my succes-"sor will be more in accord with the policy "and objects of the present members than I have "been.

"I remain
"Yours very truly
[signed] "Wm H. Whitmore."

"Boston Jan. 17. 89.

"Dear Sir:

"I enclose a copy of my letter of

Whitmore, W. H. resignation of.

"resignation, and the Mayor's reply, which I beg you "to annex to my letter addressed to the Trustees.

"It is referred to in my last named letter.

"Yours very truly
[signed] "W. H. Whitmore."

"Hon. Mellen Chamberlain".

"City Hall, Boston. Jan. 10, 1889.

"Hon. Thomas N. Hart.
"Dear Sir:

"You probably know "that I have been entirely opposed to the erection "of the new Public Library building, mainly on ac-"count of its cost. The action of the City Council "of 1888, however, seems to have committed the City "to this enterprise. Feeling that its success "will require the utmost efforts of its friends, and "in order to give the Board of Trustees a chance "to be united, should you so decide, I herewith ten-"der my resignation as Trustee, to take effect "upon the qualification of my successor. I feel "constrained to say that I firmly believe that "the efficiency of that Board will be greatly "increased if the chairman be paid a salary, "and if the number of members be increased "to nine, one-third retiring each year.

"I remain
"Yours very respectfully
[signed] "William H. Whitmore".

"Mr. W. H. Whitmore:
"Dear Sir:

"In accepting your res-"ignation as a Trustee of the Public Library, "I wish to express the unusually high estimate

Whitmore, W. H. resignation of.

"in which I hold your knowledge of City affairs, and the hope that you will not altogether withdraw from "the service of Boston. All Boston may properly look "to you for light on our history and public affairs.

"Very truly yours

[signed] "Thomas N. Hart, Mayor."

Jan. 10, 1889"

Upon motion of Professor Haynes,

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston regret that the Library is to lose the help of the advice of a Trustee so well qualified to render it efficient aid as Mr. Whitmore, and

Freedom of alcoves to Mr. Whitmore.

Resolved, that the freedom of the alcoves, with the customary privileges, be accorded to Mr. Whitmore.

Report of Clk of works.

The President laid before the Trustees the reports of the Clerk of the Works and the Inspectors for the week ending January 12, 1889.

Tiffany, E. letter from.

The President read a letter from Mr. Tiffany, the Librarian of the Lower Hall, but no action was taken.

Cox, Kenyon drawings for Corporation seal.

The President read a letter from Kenyon Cox, Esq. respecting the proposed Seal of the Corporation, and the Librarian was instructed to inform him that the Trustees are satisfied with the suggestions therein.

Iron beams.

He reported that two cargoes of iron beams from England had been delivered on the new library lot.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to approve the bills for the same, reserving 25% in customary form.

Art room in new building.

Ordered, that the Art Room in the new Public Library building be devoted to works on

Architecture and other fine and useful arts.

The President read a communication from His Honor the Mayor dated January 15, 1889, asking for a full list of obligations which were unsettled January 15, 1889, and the amounts required in excess of the appropriations for the Library, designated as "indispensable" or as "important".

Bills unsettled Jan. 15, 1889.

Amounts required for deficiencies.

The answer to the first part, as prepared by the Library auditor, was approved, and upon motion of Mr. Pierce, it was

Voted, that the following sums in addition to the amount appropriated for the maintenance of the Library and Branches for the financial year ending April 30, 1889 are considered by the Trustees as "indispensable"

Estimate of amounts required.

For additional bookshelving and changes required for the reception of new and accumulated books	$6000.
For binding	1500.
For electric lighting	2000
For establishment of a Delivery Station at Allston	400.

and that the following additional sum is considered "important"

For books	$2000.

Ordered, that the President be directed to request the City Treasurer to transmit $3000. to Messrs Baring Bros. & Co. to be placed to the credit of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston.

$3000. to Barings.

Examining Committees report.

The Librarian laid before the Trustees the proof of the report of the Examining Committee.

Ordered, that there be allowed Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton a sum not exceeding $500. for extra excavation, required in order

Woodbury and L. $500. extra allowance.

to drive piles on that portion of the lot near the corner of Dartmouth and St. James avenue.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Ordered, that from November 2, 1888 the salaries of the following named persons be at the rates placed opposite their respective names,

Salaries increased

Lindsay Swift $1500. a year.
Edward B. Hunt 1200. "
Miss M.H. Rollins 13.50 a week.
Mrs. L.F. Seaver 12.50 "
Miss A. R. Dame 13.50 "
Mr. A. J. Knowles 13.50 "
Miss Julia C. Twickler 7.68 "
Miss Dora L. Cutler 10.75 "
Miss Agnes C. Doyle 8.21 "

The price of the Barton catalogue was fixed as follows, simply to cover cost of manufacture:

Barton catalogue cost of.

The complete catalogue $5. for the 8vo form
" 10. " " 4to "
The Shakespeare portion 3. " " 8vo "
" 5. " " 4to "

At 6.45 p.m. adjourned to Wednesday January 23, 1889 at 4 p.m.

Adjourned

Melvin Chandler Clerk.

Wednesday, January 23, 1889

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

A committee of residents of Roslindale consisting of Messrs. Dorchester, Bowen, Knapp and Blakemore, appeared before the Trustees for the purpose of advocating the establishment of a reading-room in that part of the City, and requested the Trustees to consider the advisability of asking for a special appropriation to meet the expense.

Roslindale Reading-room at.

After a full hearing the Committee withdrew.

The record of the meeting held January 19 was read and approved.

Mr. Richards exhibited to the Trustees a certificate of his election as a Trustee for the unexpired term of William H. Whitmore, resigned, said term having been for five years from the first Monday in May 1885, and took his seat accordingly.

Richards, W. R. Trustee.

A letter was received directed to W. W. Greenough, Esq., from Alfred Bowditch, Esq., enclosing a check for $500. from J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Esq. to be expended for books for the Bowditch collection of mathematical books.

Bowditch, J. I. $500.

Voted, that the special thanks of the Trustees, on behalf of the City of Boston, be tendered to J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Esq., for again repeating his annual gift of $500. towards making the mathematical collection of the

Thanks for same

of the Library worthy of the memory of its founder, Dr. Nathaniel Bowditch, and that for this continued liberality, the Trustees express their grateful acknowledgment.

At 6.15 p.m. adjourned to Saturday Jan. 26, 1889 at 4. p.m.

Adjourned

Melvin Harmsworth

Clerk.

Saturday January 26, 1889

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting held January 23, 1889 was read and approved.

Young, M., resigns.

The Librarian reported that Maynard Young resigned January 17, 1889.

Land on St. James ave., report on order.

Mr. Prince offered the following report upon the order of the City Council of December 24, 1888 in respect to additional land connected with the new Library lot:-

"The City Council of 1888 having requested "the Trustees of the Public Library to consider and "report upon the expediency of purchasing a lot of land "on St. James Avenue adjoining the new Public Library "building for the purpose of providing additional "space and furnishing light and air for the building; "and the Trustees having fully considered the matter, they report as follows:

"That in their opinion the land should "be acquired, as it would not only furnish additional light and air to the building, but afford increased security against fire: it would "also give a rear passage to the building "which is very desirable,

"That the land contains 2550 square feet, "has a frontage on St. James avenue of 25½ "feet and a depth of one hundred feet; that it "can be purchased at its market value; that "if the City should decide to make the purchase, "the Trustees advise an application to the Legislature for power to take the lot, so that

"the title may be free of all restrictions."

Report to be sent to City Gov't.

Ordered, that the President be directed to communicate the above report to the City Council.

Exam^g Com^tee for 1889.

Ordered, that the present Examining Committee be requested to serve another year.

Salaries.

The Trustees proceeded to consider the salaries of the employes of the Library, and without finishing, adjourned at 6.35 p.m. to Monday January 28, 1889 at 4 p.m.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Monday January 28, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

Prince, F.O. President pro tem.

Mr. Prince was elected President pro tem. and took the chair.

The record of the meeting of January 26 was read and approved.

Hearing at State House.

Notice was received by the Trustees of a hearing by the Committee on Cities at the State House on Thursday Jan. 31st at 10.30 a.m.

Reports of Clk of works.

Reports of the Clerk of the Works and Inspectors for the week ending January 26, 1889 were received and ordered to be placed on file.

Frame for Franklin portrait.

The Librarian reported the cost of a frame for the Franklin portrait by Greuze. Laid on the table.

At 6.30 p.m. adjourned to Wednesday January 30, at 4 p.m.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk

Jan. 30, 1889.

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1889

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The record of the meeting held January 28, 1889 was read and approved.

Richards, W. R. certificate of election as Trustee.

A communication dated January 29, 1889 was received from the City Clerk's office certifying to the appointment and confirmation of William R. Richards as a Trustee of the Public Library to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William H. Whitmore, resigned, and to serve until the first Monday in May 1890, and that on the 23d instant he subscribed his acceptance of said office.

St. James ave. Land letter from S. W. Merrill

A letter from Silas W. Merrill was read offering to sell a lot of land on St. James avenue, adjoining the new Public Library estate, and consisting of 2500 square feet for the sum of $16000. Ordered to be placed on file.

Whitney, J. L. letter from.

Also a letter from Mr James L. Whitney on the Catalogue department, which was laid upon the table.

Hearing at State House.

The Trustees considered the arrangements for a hearing at the State House on Thursday Jan. 31, and at 6.45 p.m.

Adjourned

Melling Harnhorlane

Clerk.

Saturday, Feb. 2, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

By unanimous consent the reading of the record of the last meeting was deferred.

Plans discussed.

The Trustees discussed the plans of the new Public Library building and at 5.15 p.m.

Adjourned

Melling Harnhorlane

Clerk.

Feb. 7, 1889.

Thursday, Feb. 7, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Louis F. Gray Clerk, pro tem.

Louis F. Gray was chosen Clerk pro tem.

By unanimous consent the reading of the records of the last two meetings was deferred.

The President signed two drafts on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co.: one in favor of Messrs N. Trübner for £ 133. 18. 5, the other in favor of G. Deuerlich for ℳ. 2779. 64, for books received.

Trübner £ 133. 18. 5
Deuerlich ℳ 2779. 64

Voted, that the thanks of the Trustees be tendered to Dr. John C. Barron for his gift of an instantaneous photograph of an ice yacht.

Barron, Dr. J.C. thanks of Trustees

Ordered, that the Librarian be directed to provide a suitable frame for the same.

Frame for his gift.

The Trustees discussed the estimates for building the new Public Library.

Estimates for new bldg.

The question of salaries of the Library employes was considered, but without coming to a conclusion, the Trustees at 6.10 p.m.,

Salaries &c.

Adjourned.

Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem.

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the meetings held Jan. 30, Feb. 2 and Feb. 7 were read and approved.

The Librarian reported that he had transmitted the vote of thanks to Dr. John C. Barron for the photograph of an ice yacht and that he had ordered a frame for it.

Barron, Dr. John C. thanks sent.

He also reported that Fred. B. Abbot had been engaged to assist in the shelf department from Feb. 11 at $3. a week, subject to the approval of the Board.

Abbot, Fred. B. $3. a week.

Ordered, that Fred. B. Abbot be allowed from Feb. 11 at $3. a week.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay the amount due on the pay roll of the Public Library to the late William H. Foster, to his widow Rhoda A. Foster.

Foster, W. H. amount due at decease of to be paid to widow.

A circular was received from the United States Commission to the Paris Exposition of 1889 requesting the cooperation of the Trustees in contributing reports, catalogues, blank forms, etc., for the Exposition.

Paris exposition 1889.

Also, a letter from C. F. McKim, Esq., suggesting that some of the Architects' drawings of the new Public Library building be sent.

same, letter from McKim

Both letters were referred to the Librarian to report the cost of preparing a suitable exhibit.

Mr. Pierce was appointed Chairman of the Examining Committee, but being obliged to

Chairman of Exam. Com.

decline to serve, Mr. Prince was reelected for another year.

Lee, Miss Alice on Exam. Com.

Miss Alice Lee was unanimously appointed a member of the Examining Committee for 1889.

Heck, Adolph - Book mutilator

The Librarian reported the case of Adolph Heck who was detected mutilating a book belonging to the Library by cutting out the plates, and who was sentenced in the Municipal Court to five months in the House of Industry for the offence.

Robinson, E., Letter on Rayet's library.

A letter was received from Edward Robinson, Esq, calling the attention of the Trustees to the library of the late Olivier Rayet mainly composed of works upon Greek archaeology, and which is for sale. Referred to Professor Haynes.

Storer, Dr. default of a student of the Bussey Institution

The Librarian read a letter from Dr. Storer, the Dean of the Bussey Institution, a properly qualified institution whose non-resident students have been granted the privilege of the home use of books belonging to the Library, promising to attend to the matter of a breach of the Library regulations by one of such students, and to have the case satisfactorily adjusted.

Electric lighting. $710.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to contract for putting in the basement and both towers, the wiring and fixtures necessary for the use of the Edison system of electric lighting at a cost not to exceed seven hundred and ten ($710.) dollars.

Salaries, specially assigned.

Voted, that when the Trustees adjourn it be to Thursday Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. and that the subject of salaries in the Library be specially assigned for that meeting.

Matches

The subject of the use of matches, and the

location of fire buckets in the building was referred to Mr. Pierce with full powers. Fire buckets.

At 6 p.m. adjourned

Melvin P. Kennedy Jr.
Clerk

Feb. 14, '89.

Thursday, Feb. 14, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Feb. 12 was read and approved.

Auditor requests estimates.

A communication was received from the City Auditor requesting an estimate of the amount of money needed for the maintenance of the Library and Branches. Laid on the table.

Matches and firebuckets.

Mr. Pierce reported on the subject of the use of matches in the Library building, and recommended that none but safety matches be used, and that they should be kept in tin boxes; he also recommended that more fire buckets be distributed about the building. Report accepted and recommendations approved and adopted.

The City Auditor's letter was taken from the table and the following was adopted:

Estimates 1889-90.

Estimates, 1889-90.

Salaries,	$85,000.
Books,	20,000.
Printing catalogues etc.,	8,000.
Gas and Electricity,	6,000.
Binding,	4,200.
Fuel,	3,200.
Expense (misc., water rates, postage, etc.)	3,000.
Transportation	2,500.
Furniture and fixtures	1,500.
Stationery,	1,000.
Total,	$134,400.

Brought forward	$134,400.
Rents,	5,875.
Repairs (estimated on av. of past 6 years)	3,100.
Mt. Bowdoin	1,000.
Total	$144,375

Clk of Works report.

The report of the Clerk of the Works for the week ending February 9, 1889 was received and ordered to be placed on file.

Beams to be tested.

Ordered, that the Clerk of the Works be authorized to break one or two iron beams in testing them.

At 5.45 p.m. adjourned.

Melvin G. Cunningham
Clerk

Feb. 19, '89

Tuesday, February 19, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

By unanimous consent the reading of the record of the last meeting was deferred.

Holiday April 30.

A communication was received from the Mayor's office calling the attention of the Trustees to an order of the City Council providing that the Mayor ask the heads of departments to allow a holiday on April 30, 1889 to certain employés to attend the centennial of Washington's inauguration as President of the United States.

Ordered, that such holiday be granted.

Reports may be in print.

Also, an order of the City Government authorizing the heads of departments to submit their annual reports in print. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Extra assistants to prepare pphs for binding.

Ordered, that the Librarian be authorized to employ extra assistants to prepare pamphlets for binding.

Allen & Rowell $14.05

Walker and Pratt Mfg. Co. $125.20

Allen and Rowell's bill of $14.05 for photographic work and the Walker and Pratt Manufacturing Company's bill for $125.20 for screens, reflectors, etc., made for the exhibition of the model of the new Public Library building at the Old State House last April were approved and ordered to be paid from the Dartmouth street appropriation.

Woodbury & L's bill

Woodbury and Leighton's bill for building an extension to the building occupied by the Clerk of the Works in order that the model may be exhibited was referred to Mr. Pierce to consider and report.

By laws amended.

Ordered, that section 4, article 1, of the By laws be amended by striking out the words "previously ordered by their vote" and inserting in their place the word "notified".

Changes and additions to work on new building.

Ordered, that the President be empowered to authorize and contract for the following changes and additions to the work on the new building, and at a cost not to exceed the sums set against the same:

1. To furnish and deliver cut granite for main vestibule for $18,000.00
2. For setting same and centering $2,500.00
3. To furnish and deliver cut granite for Boylston street vestibule for $3350.00
4. For setting same $500.00
5. Change in main entrance arches, including additional carving and allowing for panelling of the two side arches, for $3653.00
6. For iron column, steps to run across both arches leading into court, etc., etc., $933.00

Cut granite.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to approve the agreement of Woodbury and Leighton dated Feb. 18, 1889 to sell to the Trustees a lot of cut granite designed for the new Public Library building.

Clerk of the works report.

The report of the Clerk of the Works for the week ending February 16, 1889, was received and ordered to be placed on file.

At 6.05 p.m. adjourned to the office of Messrs. McKim, Mead and White, on Wednesday Feb. 20, 1889 at 5 p.m.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Feb. 20, 1889.

Wednesday, February 20, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held at the office of Messrs. McKim, Mead and White, 53, Beacon Street at 5 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

Gray, L. F. Clk, pro tem. Louis F. Gray acted as Clerk, pro tem.

New P. L. building discussed.

The subject of the new Public Library building was discussed, with special consideration of the material best suited for the main entrance. On account of changes in the same which have made it an outside vestibule, it was considered necessary to use granite, the same material as the outside walls.

Model of ceiling of vestibule.

A plaster model of the vaulted ceiling of the vestibule was shown and a drawing of the Boylston Street entrance.

The President mentioned certain changes of interior construction which would effect a considerable saving.

The Trustees then examined and discussed the plans of the working departments of the Library, and a modified drawing of the St. James avenue elevation was shown.

On motion of Mr. Prince,

Approval of change in St. James ave. front.

Voted, that the changes of the St. James avenue front, as shown in the plan, be approved.

At 6.30 p.m. adjourned

Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem.

Tuesday Feb. 26, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Feb. 14, Feb. 19 and Feb. 20 were read and approved.

Allston delivery.

Ordered, that a delivery station be established at Allston in the vicinity of the Boston and Albany Railroad station.

Canning, Mrs. A. V.

Ordered, that Mrs. A. V. Canning be appointed Custodian of the Allston delivery station at a compensation to include rent, heating and lighting, of $250. per annum.

Clk. of works report.

Reports of the Clerk of the Works and Inspector for the week ending February 23, were received and placed on file.

Legislative bill for new building loan

The President reported that he had taken measures to have the bill authorizing the City of Boston to complete the new Public Library, and to borrow the necessary money, advanced as rapidly as possible.

Forwarder for Bindery

Ordered, that an additional forwarder be employed in the Bindery at a salary not to exceed $20. per week.

Albery's agency

The discontinuance of the present Italian agency of Giulia Albery and the selection of another was referred to Professor Haynes.

Russell's bid for shelving accepted.

Voted, to accept the proposition of C. A. Russell to furnish shelving and book cases made necessary by the proposed transfer of the Patent collection to the Art room for $735.00

The removal and disposition of the

Objects in Art room.

paintings and statues now in the Art room was referred to the Librarian.

Edison lights to be put in.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to contract with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for the wiring and equipping, for the use of electric lights, of the basement, the two towers, the entry department and Mr. Griffin's room at a cost of not over $800. and that he also be authorized to contract for the wiring and equipping of the Lower Hall library for the use of electric lights.

Pplts to Bradley

The President reported that he had sent 350 pamphlets to be bound singly to Messrs. Ira Bradley & Co., the same being the first part of a trial order of one thousand.

Estimate for Roslindale reading room.

He reported that he had furnished the City Auditor with the additional estimate of $1000. to establish a reading-room in connection with the Roslindale delivery station, in accordance with the order of the City Government of January 24, 1889 but not transmitted to the Trustees until Feb. 21, 1889, too late to have been included in the regular estimates.

Clk. of works report.

The Clerk of the Works reported the tests of the iron beams as satisfactory, the weight required to break the beam experimented upon being eight tons.

Beam broken

$ 2000. to Barings.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to transmit to Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. $ 2000.00 the same to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

New regulations

The President read the proposed changes in the Regulations to be printed in the Handbook for Readers.

Adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

Mellen Chamberlain Clerk.

Wednesday, March 6, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of February 26, 1889 was read, and approved.

Abbot, Fred. B. leaves.

The Librarian reported that Fred B. Abbot left the service Feb. 20, 1889.

Ogren, Herman forwarder.

That he had engaged Herman Ogren as a forwarder in the Bindery from March 4, 1889 at $7.50 a week.

Chap. 68, Acts 1889. Loan act ($1,000,000.00)

The President laid before the Trustees Chapter 68 of the Acts of 1889, as follows:-

[Chapter 68.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Nine.

An Act

to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside of the debt limit to complete its new Public Library Building.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:-

Section 1. The City of Boston, for the purpose of enabling the trustees of the public library of the city of Boston to complete the new public library building on Copley square in said city, may incur indebtedness, and may authorize the city treasurer of said city to issue, from time to time, as the said trustees shall request, bonds or certificates of indebtedness, to an amount not exceeding one million of dollars, outside of the limit of indebtedness fixed

Loan act. ($1,000,000.00)

by law for said city. Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent. per annum, to be fixed as provided by the ordinances of said City.

Section 2. Said treasurer shall sell such bonds or certificates, or any part thereof, from time to time, and retain the proceeds thereof in the treasury of said city, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred by said trustees for the purposes aforesaid.

Section 3. The said Trustees shall hold the land and building now used for the central public library on Boylston street in said city, and shall, on or before the maturity of said loan, sell, in behalf of the said city, the said land and building, in such manner and for such sum as they shall deem best, and shall pay over the proceeds of said sale to the board of commissioners of sinking funds of said city, and the said treasurer shall also pay over to said board any premiums received by him in the sale of such bonds or certificates. The said board shall place all amounts so paid to them by said Trustees and by said treasurer into the sinking fund for the payment of the loan hereby authorized.

Section 4. Except as hereinbefore otherwise provided, the provisions of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes, and of chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty four shall apply to the issue of such bonds, and to the establishment of a sinking fund for the payment thereof at maturity.

Section 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Loan act. ($1,000,000.00)

House of Representatives, February 27, 1889.
Passed to be enacted William E. Barrett
Speaker.

In Senate, March 1, 1889.
Passed to be enacted, Harris C. Hartwell
President.

March 1, 1889.
Approved. Oliver Ames.

Secretary's department.
Boston, March 4, 1889.

A true copy.
Witness the Seal of the Commonwealth
{Seal} [signed] Isaac H. Egett
Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth

Clk. of works report.

The President laid before the Trustees the report of the Clerk of the Works for the week ending March 2, 1889, enclosing a report of the testing to the point of breaking of the second iron beam. Placed upon file.

Second beam tested.

Estimates for '89-'90 reduced to $124,375.

He also reported that the estimates for the Library for the coming financial year of $144,375.00 had been approved by the Mayor for but $124,375.

The subject was considered, but no action was taken.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Allston delivery station.

Ordered, that the orders passed February 26, 1889 respecting the delivery station at Allston and the Custodian thereof, be rescinded, and the following substituted:-

Frank H. Howe custodian.

Ordered, that a delivery station be set up at Allston, in the drug store of Frank H. Howe, at a cost not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty dollars ($250.00) per annum, for

rent, light, heat and attendance.

On motion of Mr. Haynes,

Barton catalogue 12 copies to be bound

Ordered, that the Librarian cause twelve copies of the Barton catalogue to be bound in the best material and workmanship.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

'Poetry & Drama' catalogue.

Ordered, that the Poetry and Drama catalogues stowed in the "Dark Room" some 2100 in number be given away to parties desiring the same.

Schönhof, agent for French books.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to arrange with Carl Schoenhof for the purchase of French books.

Woodbury & L. bill for $297.95

Ordered, that the bill of Woodbury and Leighton of $297.95 for miscellaneous work and changes in the model-room be approved and paid.

Bradley, Ira, & Co. to bind pphs.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to contract with Messrs. Ira Bradley & Co. for the binding of pamphlets.

Adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk

Wednesday, March 13, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation was held at the office of Messrs. McKim, Mead & White, 53 Beacon street, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards, and Mr. McKim.

Louis F. Gray acted as Clerk.

Changes in plans approved.

Voted, that changes of detail, as suggested by Mr. McKim, affecting the arrangement of partitions on the ground- second- and third- floors of the South wing, the distribution of offices, and the changes in the special libraries and in the St. James avenue front, be approved.

Adjourned at 1.15 p.m.

Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem

March 27. 1889.

Wednesday, March 27, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p. m.

Present, Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the meetings held March 6th and March 13 were read and approved.

The President laid before the Trustees an order from the City Government as follows:-

"City of Boston

"In Board of Aldermen

"March 11, 1889.

$1,000,000 Loan order.

"Ordered: That for the purpose of enabling the Trustees of the Public Library of the "City of Boston to complete the new Public "Library on Copley Square, in accordance with "the provisions of Chapter 68 of the Acts "of 1889, the City Treasurer shall issue, from "time to time as the said Trustees shall request, "bonds or certificates of indebtedness to an "amount not exceeding one million dollars "outside of the limit of indebtedness fixed by "law for the City. Such bonds shall bear "interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per "cent. per annum to be fixed as provided "by the ordinances of the City.

"The Treasurer shall sell such bonds "or certificates or any part thereof from "time to time and retain the proceeds there "of in the Treasury of such City and pay "therefrom the expenses incurred by the "said Trustees for the purposes aforesaid.

"Passed. Yeas 12. Sent down for concurrence.

"March, 14 came up concurred. Yeas 57, Nays 0.

"Approved by the Mayor March 18, 1889.

"A true copy.

"Attest: John J. Priest.

"Asst. City Clerk."

The Librarian reported that the delivery station at Allston was opened in the drug store of Frank H. Howe on March 11, 1889. Allston delivery. Frank H. Howe custodian.

That he had temporarily engaged Maggie Kiley as a sewer in the Bindery from March 16, 1889 at $8.00 a week.

Ordered, that Maggie Kiley be allowed from Mch. 16, 1889 at $8. a week. Kiley $8. a week.

He laid before the Trustees his annual report, also the monthly statement of the finances. Libn's annual report.

Professor Haynes reported a gift from Otis B. Weld, Esq., of a privately printed volume entitled: Weld, Otis B., gift.

"The Independent Corps of Cadets at "Fort Warren, Boston Harbor in 1862." "Cadets in 1862."

Ordered, that a special vote of thanks be returned to the giver; and that Professor Haynes be authorized to transmit this vote. Thanks for same.

Professor Haynes read a letter from Mrs. Dixwell expressing her desire to place in the Bowditch Library the copy of La Place's Mécanique Céleste, containing her father's notes, from which the translation was made, on condition that no formalities should attend the gift. La Place's Méc. Céleste. from Mrs. Dixwell.

Voted, to accept the volume on the terms set forth and that Professor Haynes make a suitable reply.

Rayet archaeological library.

Professor Haynes reported that the cost of the archaeological library of the late Olivier Rayet would cost f. 11,000. and advised, though highly desirable, not to purchase at so great a cost.

Frame for Greuze's Franklin.

He also reported that he had not found any one to make a frame for the Greuze portrait of Franklin for less than $100.

Evans and Tombs.

Ordered, that the Librarian write to Evans and Tombs, Huntington avenue bridge

Italian agency.

Professor Haynes further reported that he had not been able to hear of any satisfactory person for the Italian agency, and he suggested that the Trustees make arrangements with Loescher, who acts as agent for the Harvard library and the Athenaeum.

Loescher

Works on patents.

The President referred to the collection of works on patents which Mr. J. J. Greenough desires to dispose of.

Bradley's contract continued (Binding books.)

He asked for authority to continue for another year the contract for binding Lower Hall and Branch books with Ira Bradley & Co., which was granted.

Pamphlets to be bound.

Voted, to approve the bill of Messrs. Ira Bradley & Co., for $1800.00 for binding pamphlets under the contract made with them March 26, 1889, and to pay the same in advance.

$4000. to Barings.

Voted, that the President be authorized to request the City Treasurer to transmit to Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. a sum not exceeding $4000. the same to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

Inspector on new bldg.

Voted, that the President be authorized to appoint an additional inspector for the work upon the new Public Library

building, at a salary not to exceed $4. per day.

Schoenhof's agency for French books.

The President reported that he had contracted with Carl Schoenhof for the supplying to the Library of French books.

Christern's agency to terminate.

Ordered, that the Librarian be directed to give F. W. Christern three months notice of the discontinuance of his agency for the supply of books to the Library.

New building.

Ordered, that light brick, to be approved hereafter, with granite trimmings, be substituted for granite above the basement story on the court of the new Public Library building, and to dispense with the balustrade, but the arcade to be roofed with tiles.

Harvard College land.

The President referred to a conversation with E. W. Hooper, the Treasurer of Harvard College as to building on the land belonging to the College up to the line of the Library lot.

Marble in place of granite.

Voted, to substitute Knoxville marble for granite in the vestibule of the new Public Library building.

Meeting to be at Mr. Prince's

Voted, to meet at Mr. Prince's house on Thursday March 28 at 8 p.m.

Adjourned at 6 p.m.

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk

March 28, '89

Thursday, March 28, 1889.

at Mr. Prince's house

The full Board met at the residence of Hon. F. O. Prince at 8 o'clock, p.m.

The reading of the records was deferred.

Salary-roll.

The salary roll was taken up and considered.

On motion of Mr. Pierce, the increase of salaries is to be reckoned from January 1, 1889.

Regulations

The rules for the Handbook were considered, and certain amendments made.

On motion of Mr. Richards, Article IV sect. 3 was laid on the table.

At 2.30 a.m., March 29th the Board Adjourned

Melville Chankler Low

Clerk

Friday April 12, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of March 27 and March 28 were read and approved.

The Librarian reported that on April 5th he gave three months notice to F. W. Christern, Esq., of the discontinuance of his agency for the supply of French books to the Library.

Christern.

That Evans and Tombs had offered to make a frame for the Greuze Franklin for $110. Referred to the President.

Evans and Tombs, frame for Greuze's Franklin.

That the apprenticeship of John Murphy in the Bindery, terminated on April 6th, and he recommended his appointment as a Forwarder at $12. a week for the first year, from April 8th 1889.

Murphy, John.

That Michael F. Duffley, runner in the catalogue room, left the service March 30, and that George Phillips, a Bates Hall runner had been promoted to his place, and he recommended that the latter's salary be at the rate of $4.00 a week from the same date.

Duffley, leaves

Phillips promoted.

Recommendations approved and adopted.

He further reported that he had engaged William S. Clarke as Bates Hall runner from April 10, 1889, subject to the approval of the Trustees.

Clarke, B. H. runner.

That suitable wire screens for the

Wire screens for Bri.

twenty-eight, windows at the Brighton branch would cost $2.75 a piece.

Ordered, that they be furnished.

Murphy $12. a week

Ordered, that the salary of John F. Murphy be at the rate of $12. per week from April 8, 1889.

Phillips, $4.

Ordered, that the salary of George Phillips be at the rate of $4. per week from April 1, 1889.

Clarke $3.50

Ordered, that William E. Clarke be allowed from April 10, 1889 at $3.50 per week.

Blanks for Paris Exposition

He laid before the Trustees a collection of Library forms and blanks as a proposed exhibit for the Paris Exposition, as called for by the circular of the Commission.

Loescher

The President reported that he had addressed a letter to Carl Clausen in Turin, the successor to Hermann Loescher, asking upon what terms he will act as the agent of the Library for books published in Italy.

Megann Inspector at $4. a day

That, as authorized at the meeting of March 27, he had appointed Patrick J. Megann as an Inspector on the new Library work from April 1st, 1889, at $4. a day.

President authorized to discharge inspectors.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to discharge any of the Inspectors.

Trust funds, income of. $8106.60

Ordered, that the President request the City Treasurer to remit to Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., the annual income of the Trust funds belonging to the Library, together with the Bowditch donation, amounting to $8,106.60, the same to be placed to the credit of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston.

President to receipt for int. of trust funds.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to receipt for the interest of the Trust funds unreceipted for to date.

Balance of appr.n '88-'89

Ordered, that the President be authorized to remit to Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. the balance of the appropriation for 1888-89, to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

Mrs. Dixwell.

Professor Haynes reported that he had communicated with Mrs. Dixwell and that the books referred to at the meeting of March 27 would be sent.

Proposals to be advertised for

Voted, that the President be authorized to advertise for proposals to complete the new Public Library building.

New motto: Omnium Lux Civium.

Professor Haynes proposed as a new motto for the Corporation seal and Library book plate the following Omnium lux civium.

Regulations in Handbook.

The regulations for the new edition of the Handbook were adopted, the President to make certain verbal alterations.

Adj. to Mr. Prince's

Adjourned at 6 p.m. to Mr. Prince's house on Saturday April 13, at 8 p.m.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain Clerk

Apl. 13. 1889.
at Mr. Prince's house.

Saturday April 13, 1889

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held at the residence of the Hon. F. O. Prince, 311 Beacon st, at 8 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting held April 12, 1889 was not read.

Philbrick, E. S. $250.

Voted, that the Trustees pay on account of the bill of the late Edward S. Philbrick, for services as civil engineer on the new Public Library building, $250. in full for their proportion of same.

List of Patents to be separately printed.

Voted, to omit the list of patents heretofore published in the Hand book for Readers, and have it published separately in a limited edition, to be kept for distribution in the Patent Library, with a reference to it in the Hand book.

Books from J. J. Greenough.

The President was authorized to purchase such of the books in the collection offered to the Library by J. J. Greenough, Esq., as the Library may lack provided the same can be had at reasonable prices.

Griffin A. P. C., Custodian of Bld'g.

Ordered, that Mr. A. P. C. Griffin, Custodian of the Shelves, be also Custodian of the entire building, under the Librarian.

Gray, L. F., Statistician.

Ordered, that Mr. Louis F. Gray, Office Secretary, be also Statistician.

Asst. Office Secretary

Ordered, that the office of Assistant Office Secretary be created.

Keenan, J. J., promoted

Ordered, that John J. Keenan, Librarian's runner be promoted to Assistant Office Secretary at $8.50 per week from April 26, 1889.

Runner for Executive dept.

Ordered, that one of the Bates Hall runners be advanced to the position of runner for the Executive department at $3.50 per week until a full year in the service of the Library has been passed.

Vote rescinded.

Voted, to rescind the vote passed at the last meeting whereby increases in salary were to date back to January 1st 1889.

Scheme of service. Pay-roll.

Voted, to adopt the proposed scheme of Library service as proposed by the Librarian, and the salaries attached thereto as fixed by the Trustees, as hereto appended, to go into effect Friday April 26, 1889 the week beginning on that day being the first to be paid in May 1889.

Mt. Bowdoin and Clerk of works building for ward-rooms.

Ordered, that the premises hired by the Trustees at Mt. Bowdoin and the building occupied by the Clerk of the Works on the Dartmouth street estate may be let to the City for ward room purposes at all elections until further order.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Library Service and Salaries
1889 – '90

Executive Department

		per year	per week
Mellen Chamberlain	Librarian and Clerk of the Corporation	$4000.	
Louis F. Gray	Office Secretary & Statistician	1800.	
Adelaide A. Nichols	Auditor	1100.	
John J. Keenan	Assistant Office Secretary		8.50
Effie E. Gibbs	Stenographer & Typewriter		7.50
Edward J. Daley	Runner		3.50

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Catalogue Department.

		per year	per week
James L. Whitney	Head of Department	$ 3000.	
Jose F. Carret	Reviser, Curator of Patents and Engravings and Registrar	2250.	
Lindsay Swift	Cataloguer	1500.	
Edward B. Hunt	" and Curator of Officers' card catalogue	1200.	
Arthur J. Knowles	" " Assistant Curator of Officers' card cat.		13.50
Carrie M. Burnell	" " Examiner of Book-titles.		14.50
Elizabeth J. Reed	"		13.50
Annie C. Miller	"		13.50
Alice Browne	Curator of Public card catalogue		13.50
Anna C. D. Keen	Cataloguer		13.50
Ida W. Gould	Patent Library attendant		12.50
Mary H. Rollins	Cataloguer.		13.50
Dora L. Cutler	Assistant Curator of Public card catalogue		10.75
Lillian F. Seaver	Cataloguer.		12.50
Julia C. Swickler	Cataloguer		7.68
George Phillips	Runner		4.

Ordering Department.

Harriet N. Like	Clerk	1000.	
Edith D. Fuller	Associate Clerk	1000.	
Agnes R. Dane	Assistant Clerk		13.50
Mary A. McGrath	Assistant and Copyist		12.50
Michael F. Melledy	Runner		4.
Daniel J. Mahoney	"		4.

Shelf Department.

Appleton P. C. Griffin	Custodian of the Shelves and of the Building	2000.	
Wm. Roffe	Repairer and Duster		15.
Wm. Walsh	Puts away books.		5.
Geo. Hamilton	do.		4.
Matthew J. Kenan	Runner		5.

Bates-Hall.

Arthur M. Knapp	Librarian	3000.	
Lydia F. Knowles	Delivery Clerk		12.50
Louise A. Swickler	Receiving "		10.75
Agnes C. Doyle	Assistant.		8.25

Pay-roll 1889-90

		per year	per week
Alice M. Putnam,	Assistant		10.75
William Harvey	Runner		3.50
Henry D. Gray	"		3.50
M. J. Conroy	"		3.50
G. F. Demlinger	"		3.50
Wm S. Clarke	"		3.50
Daniel McNiven	"		3.50

Lower Hall.

Edward Tiffany	Librarian	1500.	
Mary A. Jenkins	Assistant Librarian	1000.	
Frank C. Blaisdell	Curator of Lower Hall catalogue	1000.	
Edwin F. Rice	Registration Clerk		17.50
Caroline E. J. Porie	Reading-room attendant		13.50
Sarah A. Mack	Delivery Clerk		11.75
Eliza M. Mack	Receiving "		11.75
Gertrude A. Shea	Asst. Registration Clerk		8.75
Amelia McGrath	Care of Shelves		9.25
Minnie C. Sheridan	Assistant.		7.00
Rebecca J. Briggs	"		7.00
Ella K. Murray	"		7.00
Agnes M. Murray	"		7.00
Eleanor Briggs	"		7.00
Nellie M. Riley	"		5.75
Annie G. Murphy	"		3.00

Lower Hall, Evening service.

Wm. Roffe	Reading-room attendant		5.75
Fred C. Blaisdell	Registration Clerk		6.00
Wm. L. Day	Receiving "		3.00
Amelia McGrath	Delivery "		4.00
9	Runners, 10¢ an hour, average about (in all)		15.00

$4 on June 28 & 29th. Ben 11 to 2 p.m. 5

Janitors.

Wm. E. Ford	Janitor.	1500.	
John L. Williams	Night watchman		17.50
John White	Porter		15.
Wm. Monahan	"		13.50

Pay-roll, 1889-90

Bindery.

		per week $
Frank Ryder	Acting foreman	21.
Dennis J. Collins	Finisher	20.
Wm. Hemstedt	Pressman	16.
John F. Murphy	Forwarder	12
Herman Oren	Forwarder	17.50
Sarah E. Bowen	Sewer	9.50
Mary J. Moriarty	"	9.50
Maggie Riley	"	8.

East Boston Branch.

Sarah C. Godbold	Librarian	13.50
Alice M. King	First assistants	9.75
Emma O. Coleman		7.75
Emma W. Flanders	Second assistant	5.75
Geo. H. Hosea	Janitor	11.75

1 extra assistant at 25¢ an hour; 2 extra runners @ 10¢ an hour.

South Boston Branch.

N. Josephine Bullard	Librarian	13.50
Ellen A. Eaton	First assistants.	11.75
Ida Sampson		9.75
Reata Walson	Second Assistants.	8.75
Alice B. Orcutt		7.
Joseph Baker	Janitor	11.75

3 extra runners at 10¢ an hour

Roxbury Branch.

Helen M. Bell	Librarian	13.50
Lizzie C. Berry	First assistants	9.75
Dora Lusser		9.75.
Sarah W. Griggs	Second assistants.	8.75
M. E. Griffith		7.
Chas. N. Curtis	Janitor. 3 extra runners at 10¢ an hour.	13.50

Charlestown Branch.

Elizabeth F. Cartie	Librarian	13.50
Annie E. Eberle	First assistants.	9.75
Mary P. Swain		9.75

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		per week $
Sarah E. Livermore	Second assistants.	7.00
Alice Willoughby		7.00
Smith, Thomas E.	Janitor	0.

2 extra runners @ 10¢ an hour

Brighton Branch.

Mary E. Brock	Librarian	13.50
M. F. Grainley	Second assistant.	7.
James M. Brock	Janitor	9.75

1 extra assistant at 25¢ an hour

Dorchester Branch.

Mary G. Coffin	Librarian	13.50
M. Jennie Sheridan	First assistant.	9.75
Lucy A. Watson	Second assistants.	7.75
Fanny W. Pike		8.25
Edward Norman	Runner	4.
Edward Davenport	Janitor	7.75

South End Branch

Margaret J. Sheridan	Librarian	13.50
Maude M. Morse	First assistant	10.75
Florence Richards	Second assistants	7.25
Mary Arkinson		7.00
Emma Lynch	Runners	4.00
E. Gerain		3.50

1 extra runner at 10¢ an hour

Jamaica Plain Branch.

Anna J. Barton	Librarian	13.50
Nellie F. Riley	First assistant	9.75
Margaret S. Barton	Second assistant	7.00
Timothy Johnson	Janitor	6.00

1 extra runner at 10¢ an hour.

North End Branch.

Eliza R. Davis	Librarian.	13.50
Kate G. Mooney	Second assistant	7.00
J. McCarthy	Janitor.	6.00

Pay-roll 1889-90. Delivery stations.

			per week
M. A. Hill	Custodian,	Lower Mills.	6.00
Esther Moulton	Assistant	"	$5.00 a month.
Frank H. Howe	Custodian,	Allston	
Harriet C. Atkinson	"	Mattapan	2.50
Lottie Curtis	"	Neponset	2.50
Bessie G. Fairbrother	"	Mt. Bowdoin	5.75
Samuel T. Borthorpe	"	Roslindale	1.75
Nellie W. Richards	"	West Roxbury	2.00
J. M. Davis	Assistant	"	.50

Wednesday May 1, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of April 12 and April 13 were read and approved.

A communication dated April 26, 1889 was received from His Honor, the Mayor, stating that April 30, the Centenary of George Washington's inauguration as the first President of the United States would be observed as a holiday, and that the ordinary business in the City Hall and other offices would be suspended for the day. Apr. 30 : holiday.

Certificate was received from the City Clerk's office of the appointment by the Mayor and Aldermen of Henry W. Haynes as a Trustee of the Boston Public Library for five years from the first Monday in May 1889. Haynes, Henry W., reappointed Trustee.

The Librarian reported that by direction of the Trustees, the Library and Branches were closed on April 30, the same being the Centenary of the inauguration of George Washington. Library closed Apr. 30

That the default of a non-resident student of the Bussey institution, reported at the meeting of the Trustees February 12th, 1889 had been made good to the Library by the payment of all charges. Default of a non-resident.

That Daniel W. McNiven had been engaged as a Bates Hall runner from April 29, 1889 at $3.50 per week, subject to the approval of the Trustees. McNiven, D. W.

He further reported the need of re-

Repairs needed at Dor. & Br.

repairs at the Brighton and Dorchester branches.

Proposals advertised for

The President reported that proposals had been advertised for, for the continuance and completion of the erection of the new Public Library building, said proposals to be received on or before the 11th inst, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Pay-roll

He called the attention to the new pay roll and it was

Mrs. Livermore $6. a wk.

Voted, that the compensation of Mrs. Livermore of the Charlestown branch remain the same as it was last year, viz. $6. per week.

On motion of Mr. Prince,

Gibbs, E. L. $9.50 a week.

Ordered, that the salary of Miss E. L. Gibbs, Stenographer and Type Writer be increased $2. per week from May 1st 1889, making it $9.50 per week, and that she be detailed to service in the ordering department as the same may be needed.

On motion of Mr. Prince

Stated meetings Tues. & Friday.

Ordered, that regular meetings of the Trustees be held on Tuesday and Friday of each week at 4 p.m.

Iron beams from W. & Leighton

Ordered, that the President be authorized to approve the agreement of Woodbury and Leighton, dated April 16, 1889, to sell to the Trustees a lot of iron beams designed for use in the construction of the new Public Library building.

Clerk of works, report

The report of the Clerk of the Works from April 1 to April 16 was received and ordered to be placed on file.

McNiven

Ordered, that Daniel W. McNiven be allowed from April 29 at $3.50 per week.

watchman on new Library lot.

Ordered, that the Night watchman of the new Public Library building be paid $2.00 for each

Sunday and Holiday since July 1, 1888.

Boston Advertiser.

Ordered, that certain duplicate volumes of the Boston Daily Advertiser that have been in the Library on deposit, but that are now given by the directors of the Advertiser Newspaper Company, be accepted and located in the Reserve, and that the thanks of the Trustees be transmitted to the givers.

Duplicates.

Voted, that the Librarian, conferring with the Custodian of the Shelves, determine what duplicate novels, periodicals and pamphlets in the Dark room and Duplicate room, may be sold, given away, exchanged or condemned, and what should be reserved.

Regulations.

Voted, that the regulations for the new edition of the Handbook, as reported by the President be adopted as of May 1, 1889, and to be promulgated on further order.

Regular meeting omitted.

Voted, that the regular meeting for Friday May 31 be omitted.

Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Melvin P. Chamberlain
Clerk.

Annual meeting

Monday, May 6, 1889.

The annual meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 12 o'clock, noon.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, and Pierce.

Chamberlain, M. elected Clerk.

The Trustees proceeded to the election of a Clerk, and Mellen Chamberlain was unanimously elected and took the oath of office as appears by the following certificate:

Suffolk, ss. May 6, 1889.

Then personally appeared the above named Mellen Chamberlain and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of Clerk of the Corporation.

Before me

J. A. Abbott

Justice of the Peace.

Abbott, S. A. B., chosen President

Samuel A. B. Abbott was unanimously chosen President.

Prince, F. O., President pro tem.

Frederick O. Prince was chosen President pro tem. to act on all matters in the absence of the President.

Circular from Mayor.

Circular No. 30 from His Honor, the Mayor, was received requesting an exact estimate of the regular expenditures of the Library for each month of the current financial year. Referred to the President to make a suitable reply.

Set of Electrical World.

Voted, to purchase a set of the Electrical World at a sum not to exceed $65.

Adjourned at 1 p.m.

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Tuesday May 7, 1889. May 7, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

By unanimous consent the reading of the records of the meetings of May 1 and May 6 was deferred.

Financial statement for year 1888-89.

The Librarian laid before the Trustees the Library auditor's general statement of receipts and expenditures from May 1, 1888 to April 30, 1889.

Also, the statement of the Dartmouth street estate appropriation to May 4, 1889.

Clk. of Works report.

The report of the Clerk of the Works from April 16 to April 29 was received and ordered to be placed on file.

Mayor's circular, replied to.

The President read the reply to circular No. 30 from His Honor, the Mayor, which was approved, and a copy ordered to be retained for the files.

New building, time for bids extended.

Ordered, that the time for filing the proposals for building the new Public Library be extended from May 11 to May 20 at 12 o'clock, noon and that notice thereof be advertised.

Schönhof, C., contract with.

The President read a draft of the contract with Carl Schoenhof for supplying to the Library books published in France and Germany, which was approved.

Riley, Nellie M., and Murphy, Annie G., salaries raised.

Ordered, that the salaries of Nellie M. Riley and Annie G. Murphy, of the Lower Hall service be at the rate of $7. and $5. per week, respectively from May 1, 1889.

Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

May 10, 1889.

Friday May 10, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair

The records of the meetings of May 1st, May 6th and May 7 were read and approved.

Annual report.

The President submitted a draft of the annual report of the Trustees which was adopted.

2nd Mass.tts Infantry fund.

A letter was received from the Trustees of the fund of the Second Massachusetts Infantry Association desiring to place in some suitable location a memorial of the Officers and Men of that regiment, and stating that the new Public Library building seems to afford the most appropriate place for such a memorial.

President to reply

Voted, that the President reply, expressing in general, views favorable to the proposition, but reserving the form which the memorial shall take.

New building walks and approaches

Voted, that the Trustees are of opinion that walks and approaches to the new Public Library building are not kept during the day, nor left at night, in proper order, and that a copy of this vote be communicated to the Clerk of the Works and to the Contractors.

Shea, Gertrude A. salary raised

Voted, that the salary of Miss Gertrude A. Shea be at the rate of $10.75 per week from May 1, 1889.

Sheridan, Minnie salary raised

Voted, that in case Miss Minnie Sheridan gives her whole time during library hours to the service, her compensation be at the rate of $8.75 per week, otherwise to remain as it now is.

Registrations.

Voted, that all persons registering under clause fourth, section 2, article 1 of the Regulations in the Handbook for Readers, be required to furnish satisfactory guaranty by some citizen of Boston, for the proper use and return of all books loaned to them or apply to the Trustees.

Adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

Ellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

May 14, 1889
no quorum.

Tuesday May 14, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was to be held this day, but a quorum failed to appear.

May 17, 1889.

Friday May 17, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p. m.

Present: Messrs Abbott, Haynes, Prince Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of May 10th was read and approved.

Clk. of Works report

The report of the Clerk of the Works from April 30 to May 15 was received and ordered to be placed on file.

Books for Lower Hall.

Mr. Pierce submitted a list of books for young people, prepared by Miss Jenkins, to be added to the Lower Hall.

Bids, time extended.

Voted, to purchase the same.

Voted, to extend the time for opening the bids for building the new Public Library to Monday May 27th at noon.

Tile arches in place of iron beams.

The President was authorized to contract for the substitution of tile arches in place of iron beams in the construction of the new Public Library building.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Walsh
Hamilton, $6. a wk. each

Ordered, that the salaries of Wm Walsh and George Hamilton, assistants in the Shelf department, be at the rate of $6. each per week from May 17, 1889.

On motion of Mr. Richards,

Ordered, that the salary of Annie G.

Murphy, Annie G.
$7. a week.

Murphy in the Lower Hall service be at the rate of $7. per week from May 17, 1889.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

May 21, 1889.

Tuesday May 21, 1889.

The regular semi weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the meeting of May 17 were read and approved.

Megann, leaves.

The President reported that Patrick J. Megann, inspector on the new Public Library work, left that service on May 18, and that he had engaged Caleb Kimball in his place from May 20th at $4. per day.

Kimball, Caleb

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Works calling attention to the failure of the contractors properly to maintain walks on the new Public Library building lot, but no action was taken.

New Library, approaches to.

Contractors, notice to

Voted, that the contractors be requested to state what sum they would agree to deduct from the contract price for the whole work if the Trustees should decide to omit the iron and steel construction of the roofs of the building, including the two lattice columns on Special Library floor, and the trusses supported by them, also, for omitting the work and materials specified under "roofing" in paragraphs 92 to 102 inclusive, of the specifications.

Bowditch bequest. $10,000.00

A document was received from His Honor the Mayor, being his communication to the City Council enclosing notice from the executors of the will of J. Ingersoll Bowditch of the bequest to the City for the Public Library of $10,000.00

The President was requested to make a suitable reply.

Adjourned at 5 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Friday, May 24, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Gray, L.F. Clk. pro tem.

In the absence of the Clerk, Louis F. Gray was chosen Clerk, pro tem.

The record of the meeting of May 21 was read and approved.

Saturday half-holiday

Mayor's circular No. 31 was received, transmitting the orders of the City Council that he request the heads of departments to allow to employes whose services can be dispensed with, as part compensation for their services, a half-holiday without loss of pay on Saturday afternoon during June, July, August and September, also, a holiday on the 17th of June next.

June 17.

Ordered, that the subject of the Saturday half-holiday be referred to the Librarian.

Ordered, that the Library and Branches be closed on the 17th of June next.

Cut granite, etc., to be purchased.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to approve the agreements of Woodbury and Leighton dated May 17th, 1889, to sell to the Trustees a lot of cut granite, brick, iron beams, and iron fittings, designed for the new Public Library building.

Binders' vacation.

Ordered, that the employes of the Bindery be allowed one week leave of absence for the present year without loss of pay.

Branch summer arrangement.

Ordered, that the Branch Librarians may arrange the hours of service for the months of June, July and August, so that the female employees may have in turn, one forenoon a week, provided, however, that

this privilege shall not be allowed when the service requires attendance.

Early closing

Ordered, that the Branch Libraries be closed one hour earlier than usual, beginning Monday June 3d and ending Saturday August 31.

Hemstedt's sickness.

A letter from William P. Hemstedt, pressman in the Bindery, for allowance for time lost on account of sickness, was laid on the table.

Roslindale delivery

The Clerk was directed to notify the citizens of Roslindale who requested an enlargement of the delivery station at that section, that it will be impossible for the Trustees with their present appropriation to make any enlargements or to incur any additional expense.

Adjourned at 5 p.m.

Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem.

Monday May 27, 1889.

Meeting on proposals.

A special meeting of the Corporation, duly called, to witness the opening of the proposals for the continuation of the erection of the new Public Library building, was held in the Trustees' room at 12 M.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards; Mr. Sherburne, representing His Honor, the Mayor; and Messrs. McKim and Benton, of the Architects.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of May 24 was not read.

Merrill, Silas W. withdraws proposal.

A letter was read from Silas W. Merrill, Esq., withdrawing his proposition to sell to the City the lot of land on St. James avenue adjoining the new Library lot.

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Adjd to 4 p.m.

Voted, to adjourn to 4 p.m.

Adjourned at 1 p.m.

Melleuf Chamberlain
Clerk.

May 27, 1889
4 p.m.

Monday, May 27, 1889.

The Corporation met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards; Mr. Sherburne representing His Honor, the Mayor; Messrs. McKim and Benton of the Architects, and others.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the last two meetings were not read.

Proposals for continuing new building.

Mr. Sherburne opened the box containing the proposals, which were opened and read by the President, as follows:

	Names of bidders.			
	Aug. Lothrop	Woodbury & Leighton	Carney & Sumott	Norcross Bros.
Work to be completed	15th July 1891	1st Aug. 1891	—	1st June 1891
Liquidated damages	$75. a day	$75. a day	—	$50. a day
Amount for whole work	$977,000.00	$873,500.00	—	889,000.00
" " cut granite	330,000.00	—	330,000.00	320,000.00
Allowance for omitting carving	57,000.00	58,000.00	—	60,000.00
" marble	31,000.00	25,000.00	—	29,000.00
" grilles	45,000.00	33,000.00	—	30,000.00
" stone work	330,000.00	300,000.00	—	315,000.00
" iron and steel construction [of roof	53,000.00	40,000.00	—	38,000.00
" work and material under ["Roofing	60,000.00	48,000.00	—	46,000.00
Certified cheque for	—	6,000.00	—	6,000.00

The proposals were taken under advisement, and at 4.45 p.m. the Trustees

Adjourned

Melvin J. Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday May 28, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards, and Messrs. McKim and Benton, of the architects.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last three meetings was deferred.

Willard; Mary never entered the service

Ordered, that Miss Mary Willard be engaged for service in the Ordering Department at $11.50 per week.

Contagious in books and cards

Ordered, that Mr. Richards consider and report upon the danger of the transmission of contagious diseases by means of Library books and cards.

New building proposals.

The Trustees considered the proposals for the new Public Library building without arriving at any conclusion.

Adjourned

Melvin J. Chamberlain
Clerk.

May 29, 1889.

Wednesday May 29, 1889.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Pierce, and Mr. McKim.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the last four meetings were not read.

Motto for seal.

Voted, to rescind that portion of the vote passed Dec. 18, 1888 adopting as the motto for the Corporation seal "Toti genitum populo."

New motto: "OMNIVM LVX CIVIVM"

Voted, to adopt the following motto, proposed by Professor Haynes at the meeting held April 12, 1889 "Omnium lux civium."

Adjourned at 5 p.m.

Melvin G. Chamberlain
Clerk.

Friday May 31, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the last five meetings were not read.

Patent Library evenings

The Librarian was directed to report at the next meeting the cost of opening the Patent Library for consultation from 6 to 9 p.m. each evening of the week.

Registration

The form of guaranty for persons who are granted the use of Library books for a limited period was adopted, to go into effect June 1st. 1889.

On motion of Mr. Richards,

Order amended.

Voted, that the order of the Trustees passed Oct. 21, 1884 be amended by the insertion of the word "first" between the words "shall" and "address", so that it shall read as follows:

Amended order.

"Ordered, that the employes of the Public "Library desiring an increase of salary, or any "special privilege not within the power of the "Librarian to grant, instead of making a per-"sonal application, shall first address a com-"munication in writing to that effect to the "Board of Trustees."

Sat. half-holiday for binders

Ordered, that the Saturday half-holiday be allowed to the Binders from 1 o'clock during June July and August.

Adjourned at 5 p.m.

Melvin G. Chamberlain
Clerk.

June 4, 1889.

Tuesday June 4, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Pierce and Richards

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of May 24. May 27 (two) May 28, May 29 and May 31 were read and approved.

Financial statement. The Librarian reported the statement of the finances to June 1, 1889.

Clk. of Works rept. The report of the Clerk of the Works from May 15 to May 31 was received and ordered to be placed on file.

Proposals. The Trustees considered the proposals but no conclusion was reached.

Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk.

Friday June 7, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince and Pierce.

The President, pro tem., Mr. Prince, in the chair. Prince, F.O., in chair.

The record of the meeting of June 4, 1889 was read and approved.

Petition for cooperation between schools and Library. A petition was received signed by the Superintendent of Schools, Edwin P. Seaver, Esq., and others, requesting cooperation between the Public Library and the public High Schools. Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Gray, L. F. $2000. Ordered, that the salary of Louis F. Gray be at the rate of $2000. per annum from June 1, 1889.

Adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk.

June 11, 1889.

Tuesday June 11, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of June 7, 1889 was read and approved.

Bowditch bequest.

A communication dated May 27 was received from the City Government accepting the bequest of $10,000. from the late J. Ingersoll Bowditch, and authorizing the Trustees to expend the income of the same in accordance with the terms upon which it is made. Read and ordered to be placed on file, and Mr. Prince was requested to prepare suitable resolutions to be sent to the Bowditch family.

New Library report requested by Common Council.

An order dated June 6, 1889, was received from the Common Council requesting from the Trustees a report upon the condition of the new Public Library building and the progress of the work.

The President submitted a draft of a reply, which was adopted.

Mr. Benton, from the Architects' office appeared.

Bids rejected.

Voted, that it is inexpedient to award the contract to any of the bidders for the completion of the new Public Library building, and that they be notified and their deposited checks be returned.

New proposals

Voted, that new proposals for continuing the erection of the new Public Library building be called for, and advertised to be opened July 3d 1889 at 12 o'clock, noon, in some one Boston paper at least once a day for one week, and that the Master Builders' association be notified.

Special police officers at new building.

Voted, to request the Police Commissioners to appoint Dennis McCarthy and James Connor special police officers for the new Public Library building.

Macurdy, Theodosia assistant in Ord. Dept.

Voted, to appoint Miss Theodosia Macurdy an assistant in the Ordering Department at a salary at the rate of $500. per annum from June 24, 1889.

Adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk

June 14, 1889

Friday June 14, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of June 11, 1889 was read and approved.

Tile arch-material

Ordered, that advertisements be made for proposals for furnishing and setting by the square foot of tile arch work in accordance with the Guastavino system of fire proof construction.

Adjourned at 4. 45 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk.

Tuesday June 18, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott and Prince.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of June 14 was not read.

New building discussed

Various questions in connection with the subject of the new Public Library building were discussed, but no definite action was taken.

Adjourned at 5 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk

June 21, 1889

Friday June 21, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr. Abbott, and Mr. Sherburne representing his honor the Mayor.

Gray, L. F., Clk. p. t.

Louis F. Gray acted as Clerk.

Bids on tile arch (Guastavino) material

At 4.15 p.m. Mr. Sherburne opened the box containing the bids for furnishing and setting tile arch material in accordance with the Guastavino system of fire-proof construction.

One bid was received, from R. Guastavino, and was taken under consideration.

Clk. of Works report.

Report was received from the Clerk of the Works from May 31 to June 15, 1889, and was placed on file.

Adjourned at 5 p.m.

Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem.

Tuesday June 25, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Louis F. Gray acted as Clerk.

Gray, L. F., Clerk pro tem.

The reading of the records of the last three meetings was deferred.

Guastavino, R. contract awarded.

Voted, that the proposal of R. Guastavino for tile arch construction be accepted and that the President be authorized to contract with him for this work.

Connor, James.

The President reported that he had engaged James Connor as a watchman on the new Public Library building for Sundays and holidays, from June 16 at $2. a day.

Cut granite purchased

Ordered, that the President be authorized to approve the agreements of Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton dated June 25, 1889, to sell to the Trustees a lot of cut granite and iron beams designed for the new Public Library building.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Librarian's quarterly report discontinued.

Ordered, that the printing of the Librarian's quarterly report be discontinued.

Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem.

June 28, 1889.

Friday, June 28, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the last four meetings were not read.

R. Guastavino, Contract with.

The President reported that he had executed a contract with R. Guastavino, Esq., for tile arch material.

Same, sureties.

Voted, to approve R. Guastavino's bond and the sureties thereto for $20,000. for the fulfilment of his contract.

Day, Wm. L. $4. a wk.

Ordered, that the salary of Wm. L. Day evening receiving clerk be at the rate of $4. a week from April 26, 1889.

Reed, Mrs. E. T. 2/ an hour.

Ordered, that Mrs. Elizabeth T. Reed be allowed 33⅓ cents an hour for extra evening work in the Lower Hall from April 26, 1889.

Woodbury & Leighton, special orders to.

Voted, that the President be authorized to request Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton to perform the following special work not provided for in their contract:

1st Vestibule of Knoxville marble.

1°. To construct the vestibule of the new Public Library building of Knoxville marble, instead of granite, as ordered by vote of the Trustees of March 27, 1889, for a sum not to exceed $30,000.00

2d Entrance hall of brickwork.

2°. To build brickwork in entrance hall and on exterior of rear wall in projecting bands and to build two extra windows on the rear for a sum not to exceed $500.

3d Carved stringcourse.

3°. To carve the string course at the

Bates Hall floor at a cost not exceeding $6.75 per running foot.

4th Tile arch, assistance on.

4°. To facilitate the building of the first floor of tile arch material for 15% on the cost of the same.

Adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk

July 3d, 1889

Special meeting to open proposals.

Wednesday July 3, 1889.

A special meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of opening proposals for continuing the erection of the new Public Library building.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince and Pierce, of the Trustees, Mr. Sherburne, representing His Honor, the Mayor, and Mr. Benton of the Architects' office.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the last five meetings were not read.

Opening of proposals deferred.

Voted, that the opening of the proposals be deferred to Saturday July 6, 1889 at 12 o'clock, noon, and that the Master Builders' association be notified.

Adjournment.

Voted, that when the Trustees adjourn it be to the above date and hour, and that the regular meeting of Friday July 5 be omitted.

On motion of Mr. Prince,

Sidewalk on Bladen street.

Voted, that petition be made to the Board of Aldermen for leave to build the sidewalk in front of the new Public Library building on Bladen street, in accordance with the plan and profile to be submitted.

Adjourned.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Saturday July 6, 1889.

Meeting for opening bids.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 12 o'clock, noon, to open the bids for continuing the erection of the new Public Library building on Copley Square.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince, Pierce and Richards, of the Trustees, Mr. Sherburne, representing his honor the Mayor, and Mr. Benton, from the Architects' office.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the last six meetings were not read.

Bids opened.

The box containing the proposals was opened by Mr. Sherburne, and they were read by Mr. Abbott, as follows

	Aug. Lothrop	Woodbury and Leighton	Webster, Dixon, & Co.	Norcross Bros
Whole work	$698,000.00	$678,750.00	$687,500.00	$693,000.00
Time of completion	Mar. 1, 1891.	Jan. 1, 1891.	May 15, 1891.	Feb. 1. 1891
Liquidated damages	$75. a day	$75. a day	$50. a day	$100. a day.

Each of the above was accompanied by a check for $5000.

Shea's bid.

In addition there was an informal bid from Timothy Shea offering to furnish all granite in the rough for $102,000.00; to furnish cut granite for main part of building for $338,900.00 by October 1, 1890; to furnish cut granite for steps and platform, including paving for $32,300.00 by June 1, 1891.

All the bids were taken under advisement by the Trustees.

Adjourned to Friday July 12, at 4 p.m.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk

July 12, 1889

Friday July 12, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince, Pierce and Richards, and Mr. Benton.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the last seven meetings were not read.

South Boston

The President was authorized to renew the lease of the premises occupied by the South Boston branch at a yearly rental not to exceed $2500.

Proposals considered.

The Trustees considered the proposals for continuing the erection of the new Public Library building, and upon motion of Mr. Prince,

Checks of bidders returned.

Voted, to return their checks to all the bidders except Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton.

Dodge, Col. allowed home use of works of Diodorus Siculus

Voted, to allow Col. Theodore A. Dodge to take for home use the works of Diodorus Siculus.

Voted, to adjourn to Tuesday July 16th at 2 p.m.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk

Wednesday, July 17, 1889.

Adjourned meeting.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation, postponed from Tuesday July 16, was held in the Trustees' room at 2 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards, and Messrs. McKim and Benton.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of June 14, June 18, June 21, June 25, June 28, July 3d, July 6 and July 12 were read and approved, the record of June 21 being specially approved.

On motion of Mr. Pierce, it was unanimously

Woodbury & Leighton's bid accepted.

Voted, that the proposal for continuing the erection of the new Public Library building of Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton for the sum of $678,750.00 be accepted, provided they accede to the estimate of the Architects of the value of the changes on Blagden Street, and the change from dabbed face stone to six cut stone, and that they will allow $5000. for omitting the two columns.

$678,750.

provided, etc.

City Treasurer requested to issue bonds for $500,000.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be and hereby is requested to issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness as provided in Chapter 68 of the Acts of 1889 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the order of the City Council of the City of Boston, approved 11th of March 1889, to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars.

Adjourned at 3.45 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk

July 19, 1889.

Friday, July 19, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of July 17 was read and approved.

Mayor's circular #32.

Circular No. 32 from His Honor, the Mayor, was received requesting assistance in the best possible enforcement of the Civil service law, and on motion of Mr. Prince, was laid on the table.

Woodbury · Leighton

Whereas, it appears that since the last meeting that Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton have agreed to accept the estimates of the architects as to the amount due for extra work under the contract of August 1, 1888, and have made deductions amounting to about $25,000.00 from their first claims on account of such extra work, it is

Contract accepted.

Voted, that the proposal of Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton received and opened July 6, 1889, for "work to be done and material to be furnished in the continuation of the erection of the new Public Library building on Copley Square" be and hereby is accepted.

Contract to be executed.

Voted, that the President be authorized and directed to make, execute, and deliver in triplicate, in behalf of the City of Boston, a contract with Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton to do the work and furnish the material specified in their proposal received July 6, 1889 for "work to be done and material to be furnished in the continuation of the erection of the new Public Library building on Copley Square"

for the sum of six hundred seventy eight thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Staircase etc., proposals to be advertised for.

Voted, that the President be authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for work and material for the interior finish of the entrance hall, staircase, and staircase hall of the new Public Library building in accordance with the plans and specifications of the architects.

Hamilton, Geo., leaves

The Librarian reported that George Hamilton, assistant in the shelf-department left the service July 1, 1889.

Fallon, W. E. engaged.

Ordered, that William E. Fallon be engaged in his place from July 22, 1889 at $6. per week.

Conner's pay

Ordered, that the order of the Trustees of June 25, 1889, allowing James Conner as watchman for Sundays and Holidays from June 16, 1889, be amended by substituting $2.25 a day in place of $2.00 a day.

Woodbury and Leighton's claims.

A letter dated July 19 was received from Messrs. McKim, Mead and White stating that they have secured an adjustment of the claims of Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton for extra work, and of the allowances to be made for work deducted. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Statement for June

Also, statement of work contracted for and of amounts certified or deducted for the month ending June 30, 1889.

At 5.09 p.m.

Adjourned.

Matthew Chamberlain

Clerk

July 23d 1889.

Tuesday July 23d 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Gray, L. F. Clk. pro tem.

Louis F. Gray was chosen Clerk, pro tem.

The record of the meeting of July 19 was read and approved.

Mayor's circular #32

On motion of Mr. Prince, Mayor's circular No. 32 was taken from the table, and was unanimously referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Contract with Woodbury & L.

The President reported that he had executed in triplicate the contract with Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton for continuing the erection of the new Public Library building, and that one copy had been filed with the City auditor, and another with the contractors, and he submitted the third to the Trustees, and it was ordered to be placed upon the Library files.

Checks returned.

He further reported that all checks accompanying the proposals opened July 6, 1889 had been returned to their respective makers.

Woodbury & Leighton's bond.

Mr. Prince offered the following preamble and vote, which was unanimously passed:

Whereas, by the contract made with Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton, dated July 22, 1889, it was agreed that 25% of the cost of the work done and materials furnished should be retained by the Trustees as security for the fulfilment of the covenant of said Woodbury and Leighton, and

Whereas, such retention may sometimes be onerous to them, now it is

Voted, that the Trustees will always exercise a liberal discretion in withholding

the said 25%, but the Trustees in so doing must always see that the City is made secure.

Cut granite.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to approve the agreement of Woodbury and Leighton, dated July 23d 1889, to sell to the Trustees a lot of cut granite designed for use in the new Public Library building.

Clerk of Works report.

Report of the Clerk of the Works from June 29 to July 15, and reports upon the Guastavino tile system, covering the period from May 31 to July 15, were received, and ordered to be placed on file.

At 5.00 p.m.

Adjourned.

Louis F. Gray

pro tem. Clerk.

July 26, 1889.

Friday July 26, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Gray, L. F., Clk., pro tem.

Louis F. Gray acted as Clerk.

The record of the meeting of July 23rd was not read.

New building discussed.

The Trustees considered and discussed various matters connected with the new Public Library building, and at 5 o'clock, they

Adjourned.

Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem.

Tuesday, July 30, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Louis F. Gray acted as Clerk.

The records of the last two meetings were not read.

Voted, to purchase the copy of Letarouilly's "Edifices de Rome moderne" offered by O'Neill, for $70.00

Letarouilly's "Edifices de Rome moderne".

Adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem.

August 2, 1889

Friday August 2, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince and Pierce.

No business transacted.

The Trustees did not come to order, and no business was transacted.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk.

Tuesday August 6, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the last four meetings were not read.

An order was received from the Mayor's office that all departments of the City be closed on Wednesday August 7th, on the occasion of the visit of the President of the United States. President's visit.

Ordered, that the Library and its Branches be closed on August 7th in accordance with the above order. Library closed.

A letter was received from Mr. James L. Whitney in relation to cataloguing. Laid on the table. Whitney, J. L. letter from.

The subject of an elevator for Bates Hall was considered, but final action was deferred. Elevator for B.H.

Adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk.

Aug. 9. 1889.

Friday August 9, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott and Prince.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Gray, L. F. Clk pro tem.

Louis F. Gray acted as Clerk

The records of the last five meetings were not read.

Time extended for opening bids for marble work.

The President reported that the time for opening proposals for stone and marble work of entrance and staircase of the new Public Library building had been extended to August 16th.

Special orders

The President was authorized to sign special orders No. 23 to 29 to the contractors, Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton, the same being for the extra work referred to in the preamble of the vote of the Trustees of July 19, 1889, accepting their proposal for work to be done and material to be furnished in the continuation of the erection of the new Public Library building.

Adjourned

Louis F. Gray
Clerk pro tem.

Tuesday August 13, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince and Pierce

No business transacted.

The Trustees did not come to order and no business was transacted.

Melvin Chamberlain Clerk

Aug. 16, 1889.

Friday Aug. 16, 1889.

Pursuant to a special call, the Corporation met at 12 o'clock, noon, instead of 4 p.m. in the Trustees' room to consider the proposals for marble and stone-work of the entrance hall and staircase of the new Public Library building.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince, Pierce and Richards of the Trustees, Mr. Sherburne of the Mayor's Office, and others.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the last seven meetings were not read

Proposals for marble work

At 12 o'clock Mr. Sherburne opened the box containing the proposals, and the President read them, as follows:

To build the entrance hall:—	Booker, Jarrey & Co.	Chas. E. Hall & Co.	Davidson & Sons	Sheldon Marble Co.	Patterson, See & Eisele	Robert C. Fisher Co.
1st Of Vermont marble	$25,890.00	—	$19,820.00	$12,468.00	$12,500.00	$12,612.00
2d Of Gen Manchien "	$30,453.00	$12,592.00	$25,216.00	—	$22,739.00	$24,539.00
3d Of Iowa "	$27,410.00	—	$21,252.00	—	$18,850.00	$18,600.00
4th Of Caen stone	$19,233.00	—	$21,252.00	—	$9,500.00	$9,600.00
5th Of Yorkshire "	$20,114.00	—	$21,252.00	—	$14375.00	$14,200.00
6th Of Amherst "	$16,497.00	—	$18,900.00	—	$13,000.00	$13,500.00
7th Of Kenessaw or Georgia marble	$33,498.00	$13,500.00	$20,1400.00	—	$13,000.00	$13,090.00
To do marble work of staircase	$69,331.00	$71,222.05/100	$82,900.00	—	$69,173.00	$69,399.00
To begin work at building	1st July 1890	Whenever directed	26th Nov. 1889	15th Sept. 1889	30th Oct. 1889	15th Oct. 1889
To finish work	within 12 mos	within 8 mos.	within 22 mos.	within 2 mos.	within 12 mos.	within 9 mos.
Liquidated damages	$10. a day	$25. a day.	$50. a day	$50. a day	—	—

Each of the above proposals was accompanied by a check or a certificate of deposit for $1000.00

Iowa stone for entrance.

Voted, that the entrance hall of the new Public Library building be of Iowa stone

Fisher's contract accepted.

and that the proposal of Messrs. Robert C. Fisher & Co., of $18,600. for this portion of the work be accepted.

Siena marble for staircase.

Voted, that the corridor and staircase be constructed of Siena marble, and that the

proposal of Messrs. Patterson, See and Eisele, of $69,173. for this portion of the work, be accepted.

Patterson, S. & E.'s contract accepted

Adjourned.

Melvin Chamberlin
Clerk.

Aug. 20, 1889.

Tuesday, August 20, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott and Prince.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Gray, L. F., clerk pro tem.

Louis F. Gray was chosen Clerk pro tem.

The records of the meetings of July 23d, July 26th, July 30th, Aug. 2d, Aug. 6th, Aug. 9th, Aug. 13th and Aug. 16th were read and approved.

Model of ceiling.

Voted, that the President be requested and directed to have the model of the Bates Hall ceiling exhibited in such place as may seem to him best for purposes of study, at a cost not to exceed $600.

Vestibule to be in granite.

Voted, that the vestibule on Blagden street be built in granite, instead of in brick, as provided for in the contract, at a cost not to exceed $600.

Contracts with Fisher and with Batterson & Co.

Voted, that the President be authorized to execute contracts with Messrs. Robert C. Fisher & Co., and with Messrs. Batterson, See and Eisele, in accordance with their respective proposals as accepted at the meeting of the Trustees of August 16th 1889.

Voted, that when the Trustees adjourn it be to Friday Aug. 23d at 2 p. m.

Adjourned

Louis F. Gray
pro tem. Clerk

Friday August 23d 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 2 p. m., instead of the usual hour of 4 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of August 20 was read and approved.

Contract with Batterson & Co.

The President reported that in accordance with the vote of the Trustees of August 20th, he had made a contract with Messrs. Batterson, See and Eisele, on the 21st August, to build the staircase and corridor of the new Public Library building in accordance with their proposal accepted August 16th.

Checks reported returned.

That all the checks and certificates of deposit of those offering proposals which had been rejected had been returned.

Clerk of Works' report.

He presented reports of the Clerk of the Works from July 15 to August 15 which were ordered to be placed on file.

Bri. branch roof.

The Librarian was requested to cause the roof of the Brighton branch building to be examined and to report its condition at the next meeting of the Trustees.

Supt. of Public Bldgs request for ward rooms.

The request of the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the use of the Library room in the building corner of Washington and Richmond streets, Lower Mills, for election purposes was granted.

Lower Hall 6 p.m., instead of 7

Mr. Tiffany's request that the hour for leaving work by the regular employees of the Lower Hall service may be fixed at 6 p.m. instead of 7, as now, was granted, provided that additional assistance to carry

this plan into operation can be secured at a cost per annum not exceeding $312.

Additional catalogueers for pamphlets.

Mr. Whitney's letter recommending that additional temporary assistants be employed to catalogue pamphlets was laid on the table.

Daley, E. J. $11. a week.

Ordered, that the salary of Edward J. Daley be at the rate of $4. per week from August 23d.

Col. Fry's Orderly book.

Ordered, that the ms. Orderly book of Col. Joseph Fry be purchased for $10.

Historical works offered by Mr. Dwight.

Ordered, that six quarto volumes relating to the History of Georgia, offered for sale by Mr. Theodore F. Dwight, be purchased at a cost not to exceed $150.

Shakespeare's autograph.

Ordered, that the monograph, submitted by Judge Chamberlain, upon a supposed autograph of Shakespeare, be published in the next bulletin.

Report on new building.

The President read the draft of a report to the City Government upon the new Public Library building for the six months ending June 30, 1889, which was approved by the Trustees and authority was granted to the President to sign it in their behalf.

Handbook for Readers

Ordered, that the Handbook for Readers be printed in the form of two editions, as follows:-

1. Sale edition. To contain the Rules and Regulations; Information in regard to the Catalogues; Books and reading; Bibliographies and Literary guides; Indexes to periodicals; Information in regard to Patent collection; General information; Chronology, etc.

2. Edition for free distribution. To contain the above with the exception of the Bibliographies and Literary guides and information in regard to Patents.

Adjourned.

Mellen Chamberlain Clerk.

Tuesday, August 27, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of August 23d was read and approved.

Nichols, Ro. Anne gift from

The Librarian read a letter from Mrs. Ro. Anne Nichols offering as a gift to the Library a number of volumes and portraits and views, whereupon it was

Thanks for same

Ordered, to accept the same upon the conditions mentioned in the letter, and that the special thanks of the Trustees be conveyed to Mrs. Nichols.

Bri. branch repairs

He reported that the examination of the roof of the Brighton branch shows that repairs to the extent of about $50. worth are needed, and the Trustees authorized the expenditure of not exceeding this sum for such repairs.

Chn. branch shelving

He called the attention of the Trustees to the need of additional shelving at the Charlestown branch and stated that the valuable collection of books is in an exposed position, and recommended that it be insured.

also insurance.

Both of these questions were referred to Mr. Prince to represent to the City Council that some action must be taken, as also in regard to the restrictions upon the expenditure of the income of the Charlotte Harris bequest.

Harris bequest.

S. Boston lease.

The President reported that as authorized and directed at the meeting of July 12 he had signed the lease for the premises occupied by the South Boston branch.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Half holiday during Sept.

Voted, that the petition of the Library employees for the continuance of the weekly half-holiday through September be granted.

Foundation of Platform.

Voted, that the President be authorized to arrange with Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton to build the foundations of the platform from the driveway on Boylston street to the end of the building at a cost not to exceed $3800.

W. and Leighton's retained money.

Ordered, that from this date Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton be allowed the full amounts, duly certified by the architects, for work done under their contract of August 1, 1888, and that the aggregate of the twenty-five per cent. heretofore reserved of such amounts as a guaranty for the proper fulfilment of said contract be reduced to $45,000.00 and the difference paid to them.

Batterson, See and Eisele's bond.

Ordered, that the bond on the contract of Messrs. Batterson, See and Eisele be fixed at $25,000.00

Benton reports on new building

Mr. Benton made a report upon the new Library building.

Monumentos arquitect. de España and a Clock to be purchased

Ordered, that the President be authorized to purchase while he is abroad "Monumentos arquitectonicos de España; Madrid 1860; also a suitable clock for the Trustees' room.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Friday August 30, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 11 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince and Pierce.

The President pro tem., Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of August 27th was not read.

Mr. Abbott goes abroad.

Mr. Prince reported that the President, Mr. Abbott, would sail from New York for Europe on the 31st August, to be absent for a few weeks.

Meeting of Aldermen.

As the Trustees found that they would be obliged to attend the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Tuesday next at the hour of their regular meeting, it was

Meeting postponed.

Voted, that the regular semi-weekly meeting of September 3d be postponed.

Adjourned

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Sept. 6. 1889.

Friday, September 6th 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince and Pierce.

The President pro tem., Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of August 27th and 30th were read and approved.

Financial statement.

The Library auditor laid before the Board a financial statement of the new Public Library building fund, which was placed on file.

Clk of Works report.

The President, pro tem. laid before the Trustees the bi-weekly report of the Clerk of the Works on the Guastavino fire-proofing system from August 15, 1889 to Aug. 30, 1889.

Insurance of Chn books.

Mr. Prince who was charged with the duty of conferring with the City Government respecting the matter of insuring the books in the Charlestown Branch Library, and obtaining additional shelving therein, also,

Harris will.

respecting a change of the provisions of Miss Harris' will in relation to the bequest for the purchase of books for said Branch, reported that he had conferred with several of the members of the Committee of the Council on the Library, and also with Alderman Stacey who represents the Charlestown district in the Board, and was assured that the proper action would be taken to have the policy of the City defined as to insuring books in all the Branches, and that an order would be at once reported from the committee appropriating the monies, estimated at $75. for shelving.

Corporation Counsel's opinion on

The Corporation Counsel, whose opinion as to the power of the government to

obtain the desired changes touching Miss Harris' bequest was required before definite action in the matter could be taken, being absent from the City, Mr. Prince was unable to report therein, and asked for further time to do so. Harris will.

Adjourned at 6 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk.

Sept. 10, 1889.

Tuesday September 10, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Pierce, and Mr. Benton of the architects' office.

The President pro tem Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The reading of the Record of the last meeting was deferred.

Monthly financial statement.

The Library auditor laid before the Board a monthly statement of the finances.

Mr. Prince offered the following preamble and vote which were adopted:-

Vestibule on Blagden st.

Whereas, it is proposed to increase the height of the vestibule on Blagden street to nearly double that originally proposed, involving greater cost than that set forth in the vote of the Board passed August 20th, substituting granite for brick, it is therefore

Granite for same

Voted, that the sum of $3099. be appropriated for building both the vestibule and floor of granite of the same character as that used for the exterior wall. (See vote of Aug. 20.)

On motion of Mr. Prince,

Concrete for floors

Voted, that the Architects be empowered to contract with Woodbury and Leighton to furnish and lay concrete on the fire proof floors at the cost of 16¢ per cubic foot for gravel concrete and 18¢ for cinder concrete.

Z-bar columns.

Ordered, that the architects be directed to contract with Woodbury and Leighton for furnishing and setting the necessary number of Z-bar columns.

Moulding on vestibule

Ordered, that the architects be authorized to have the moulding on the Western half

of Blagden street elevation made at the cost of $3.75 per running foot.

New sill and architraves

Voted, that the Architects be instructed to have a new sill and the architraves recut at the Boylston street entrance at a cost not exceeding $150.

Adjourned at 6 p.m.

Melling Humberson

Clerk.

Sept. 13, 1889.

Friday, Sept. 13, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince and Pierce.

The President pro tem, Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of September 6th and 10th were read and approved.

Mr. Tiffany, letter from.

A letter from Mr. Tiffany to the Librarian was read.

Gas in Lower Hall

Ordered, that the experiment of using gas in the alcoves of the Lower Hall be tried for one month.

Adjourned.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1889

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince and Pierce.

The President pro tem., Mr. Prince, in the chair.

No business.

No business was transacted.

Adjourned.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk.

Sept. 20, 1889.

Friday Sept. 20, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince and Pierce.

The President pro tem., Mr. Prince, in the chair.

No business.

No business was transacted.

Adjourned.

Melvin J. Chamberlain

Clerk.

Saturday, Sept. 21, 1889.

A meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President pro tem., Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of Sept. 13, 17, and 20 were read and approved.

Clerk of works' report.

The report of Mr. Stevens, the Clerk of the Works from August 15 to Sept. 15 was read and placed on file.

Adjourned

Melvin J. Chamberlain

Clerk.

Sept. 24, 1889.

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President pro tem., Mr. Prince, in the chair.

L. F. Gray Clk. pro tem.

Louis F. Gray acted as Clerk.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Chandler, J. E. Asst. to Clk. of Works

Ordered, that J. E. Chandler be appointed assistant to the Clerk of the Works from Sept. 12, 1889 at $15. a week.

Wm. P. Upham, thanks for gifts.

Voted, that the special thanks of the Trustees are due to William P. Upham, Esq., for his gift to the Library of sixty volumes, including 222 rare tracts relating to the English Commonwealth, collected by the late Revd. Charles Wentworth Upham.

Miss C. C. Thayer do.

Voted, that the special thanks of the Trustees be conveyed to Miss Caroline Coddington Thayer for her gift to the Library of fourteen finely illustrated volumes to be added to the Thayer collection.

At 5.15 p.m. adjourned

Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem.

Friday Sept. 27, 1889.

The meeting for this day was postponed.

Louis F. Gray.
Clerk, pro tem.

Sept. 30, 1889.

Monday Sept. 30, 1889.

A special meeting of the Corporation, duly called, was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President pro tem., Mr. Prince, in the chair

L. F. Gray, Clk. pro tem.

Louis F. Gray acted as Clerk.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The new Public Library building was discussed but no definite action was taken.

Books from O'Neill.

Ordered, that certain volumes upon decorative art, submitted to the Trustees by J. M. O'Neill be purchased at a cost not to exceed $61.

Adjourned to Friday Oct. 4 unless sooner called by the President pro tem.

Adjourned

Louis F. Gray

Clerk, pro tem.

Friday Oct 11, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Haynes and Richards.

H. W. Haynes President pro tem.

Mr. Haynes was elected President pro tem and took the chair.

The record of the meeting of Sept. 30, 1889 was read and approved.

No quorum Oct. 4 • Oct. 8.

The Clerk reported that the regular meetings of Friday Oct. 4, and Tuesday Oct. 8 were deferred by reason of the failure of a quorum to appear.

Library finances.

The Librarian laid before the Trustees the statement of the Library finances to Oct. 1, 1889; also, statement of the work contracted for, and of amounts certified or deducted on account of the new Public Library building under the superintendence of McKim, Mead and White for the months of August and September 1889; also, reports from the Clerk of the Works from September 15 to September 30, which reports were ordered to be placed on file.

Treadwell money $1400.

He laid before the Trustees a letter dated September 27, 1889 from John Noble, Esq, a Trustee of the will of Daniel Treadwell, stating that $1400. is ready to be paid to the Library as one of the residuary legatees; whereupon it was,

Ordered, that the Hon. F. O. Prince, President, pro tem. of the Board of Trustees be authorized to receive from the Trustees under the will of the late Daniel Tread-

well, the instalment now payable, and confer with the City Treasurer as to the investment of the same, and report to the Board.

Carpet at Roxbury.

The proposition to purchase a carpet for the Librarian's room at the Roxbury branch was laid on the table.

N.E. Heating and Ventilating Co.

The Librarian stated that the New England Heating and Ventilating Company had extended to the Trustees an invitation to inspect the operation of their system at 85 Water street.

Gas governor

The purchase or rental of a Gas Saving Governor was considered and the subject was laid on the table.

Worcester Co. Plymouth Co. histories of Books purchased

Ordered, that the Histories of Worcester and of Plymouth Counties be purchased, also the two following works:-

Envois of the Rotch travelling scholarship for $8.

Vorlegeblätter für Holzarbeiten for $7.50

Adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk.

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Haynes, Pierce and Richards.

Mr. Haynes was chosen President, pro tem. and took the chair.

The record of the meeting of Oct. 11, 1889 was read and approved.

Fisher, R.C. & Co. contract for entrance hall.

Mr. Pierce reported that the contract with Messrs. Robert C. Fisher & Co. for marble work for the entrance hall of the new Public Library building had been duly executed and copies filed at the City Auditor's office and in the Library files.

Chauncy Hall school non-resident pupils of advanced class.

A letter was laid before the Trustees from William H. Ladd, Esq. of the Chauncy Hall School requesting that the privileges in the Library now enjoyed by the non-resident members of the first class in that school may likewise be extended by the Trustees to the newly formed Advanced Class, whereupon it was

Same

Ordered, that the non-resident pupils in the advanced class of the Chauncy Hall school be permitted the home use of books belonging to the Library, upon the filing by the Principals of the customary obligation to hold the Library secure from all loss or damage that may arise from such use.

Carpet for Roxbury

Miss Bell's request for a carpet for her room at the Roxbury branch was taken from the table and the purchase was authorized at a cost not to exceed $35.00

Gas governor

The subject of a gas saving governor was taken from the table and consideration indefinitely postponed.

Mrs. M. Anne Nichols
Miss C. C. Thayer
gift from.

The Librarian submitted for the inspection of the Trustees an additional gift to the Library from Mrs. M. Anne Nichols and Miss Caroline Coddington Thayer of many rare and costly books, and the subject was referred to Mr. Haynes to examine and report.

Clock for new building

Mr. Pierce reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Abbott in which he described a clock, costing 5000 francs, that in his judgment should be purchased for the new Public Library, and he stated that he had sent a message to Mr. Abbott, by cable, advising its purchase, which action was approved by the Trustees.

Adjourned at 5 p.m.

Melvin J. Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday Oct. 22, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Haynes and Pierce.

The President, pro tem. Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Oct. 15, 1889 was read and approved; the Clerk reporting no quorum at the regular meeting of Oct. 18, 1889.

Cooperation between Library and schools.

A communication from the City Government dated Oct. 10 was received requesting the Trustees to examine into a plan for bringing into closer relations the Library and the Public Schools. Read and referred to the Librarian to examine and report to the Trustees.

Meeting of heads of departments.

Also, notice from the Mayor's office of a meeting of the heads of departments on Oct. 15. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Addie Watson leaves.

The Librarian reported that Miss Addie Watson, assistant at the Dorchester branch, left the service Oct. 2, 1889.

Barton catalogue for Miss E. L. Hunt.

He submitted to the Trustees the proposition to send a copy of the Barton catalogue to Miss Louise Livingstone Hunt, a niece of Mrs. Barton, as the nearest living representative of the family, which was approved and adopted.

Floor covering at E. Boston.

Miss Godbold's request for floor covering for use in the East Boston branch at a cost of about $50. was granted.

Miss Maud King, special card refused

Miss Maud King's application for a special card was denied, and the Librarian was requested to send her a copy of the Rules in explanation of the action of the Trustees.

Professor Haynes offered the following vote, which was adopted by the Trustees, and the Clerk was directed to transmit a copy to the persons named therein:

Thanks to Miss C. C. Thayer and Mrs. R. A. Nichols

Voted, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library desire to express their grateful acknowledgment for the latest valuable gift to the Library by Miss Caroline Coddington Thayer and Mrs. R. Anne Nichols, of Roxbury, of many costly illustrated volumes and engravings; and they remember with much gratification that this is another added to similar benefits conferred upon the Library by these ladies, and supplements the very valuable legacy of their sister, the late Miss Eliza Mary Thayer.

Clerk of Works report.

Reports of the Clerk of the Works to Oct. 15 were received, and ordered to be placed on file.

Glazed tile for ceiling in new building.

Upon the recommendation of the Architects that glazed tile be used for certain ceilings in the first story of the new Public Library building, it was

Same.

Ordered, that glazed tile be substituted for rough tile and plaster in the ceiling of the new Public Library building, provided it can be furnished at a price not exceeding 55 cents a square foot.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Panels over entrance to be of Knoxville marble

Ordered, that the architects be authorized to change the three panels over the Dartmouth Street entrance arches from granite to pink Knoxville marble at an expense not to exceed $1100.

Iron girders

Ordered, that the architects be authorized to purchase three iron girders at a cost not to exceed $550.

Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain Clerk.

Friday Oct. 25, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Haynes and Prince.

The President pro tem. Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Oct. 22 was read and approved.

Marguerite Watson resigns.

The Librarian presented the resignation of Miss Marguerite Watson, a Second Assistant at the South Boston branch, to take effect Nov. 2, 1889, and he recommended that Miss Lena Parker, an extra assistant, be promoted to the regular position thus to be made vacant, whereupon it was

Lena Parker to be promoted.

Ordered, that Miss Watson's resignation be accepted, and that the recommendations of the Librarian be approved and adopted.

Treadwell money ($1400.) paid over to City Collector

The President pro tem. reported that in accordance with the order of the Trustees of Oct. 11, 1889, he had received from John Noble, Esq., Trustee under the will of Daniel Treadwell, $1400.00 and that he had paid this sum over to the City Collector, taking his receipt for the same, which was ordered to be placed upon the Library files.

Boston & Prov. dividend $15.00

Ordered, that the President pro tem. be authorized to receive and pay over to the City Collector, fifteen dollars, the same being quarterly dividend No. 6 of the Boston and Providence railroad Corporation, upon certain securities of said Corporation bequeathed by Daniel Treadwell.

Henry D. Gray $4.

Ordered, that the salary of Henry D. Gray be at the rate of $4. a week from Oct. 26, 1889.

Notes in "San Marco" not to be traced

Ordered, that permission to copy the colored plates of "La Basilica di San Marco in Venezia," [No 81. D. 1] be granted only upon special order of the Trustees.

Adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince and Pierce.

No business.

The Trustees did not come to order and no business was transacted.

Mellen Chamberlain Clerk.

Nov. 1, 1889.

Friday, Nov. 1, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince and Haynes.

The president pro tem, Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was not read.

Circular from Mayor's office on Election Days.

Circular No. 33 from the Mayor's office was received embodying the order of the City Council that all City employees, except those whose services are indispensable, be allowed a half-day's vacation, without loss of pay, on Nov. 5 and December 10th 1889, and requesting that the heads of departments carry said order out as far as may be compatible with the public service. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Cambridge Lyceum $10.50 dividend.

Ordered, that the president pro tem be authorized to receive and to pay over to the City Collector the sum of $10.80 received from the Treasurer of the Cambridge Lyceum as a part of the Treadwell bequest.

At 4.30 p.m. adjourned.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk.

Friday Nov. 8, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Haynes, Pierce and Richards.

The President pro tem, Mr. Prince, in the chair.

No quorum on Nov. 5

The records of the meetings of Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 were read and approved; the Clerk reporting no quorum on Tuesday Nov. 5th.

Circular from the Mayor on Library finances to Oct. 31, 1889.

Circular no. 34 from His Honor the Mayor was received requesting a statement of the work and expenditures of the Library from May 1 to Oct. 31, 1889; of the unexpended appropriation, and of the ability of the Trustees to continue the work of the Library to April 30, 1890; also a report of the total number of persons employed on May 1, August 1 and Oct. 31, respectively. Referred to the President pro tem to make immediate answer.

Cooperation between Library & Schools Lib'n's report.

The Librarian reported upon the order of the Trustees of Oct. 22, 1889 that he had had interviews upon the subject of cooperation between the Public Library and the public schools, with Mr. Robert C. Metcalf, one of the Supervisors, and Mr. George W. Evans, one of the High School masters, and that he would require further time to prosecute his enquiries, which he requested, and which was granted by the Trustees.

Johnson's Cyclopædia

He submitted to the Trustees the proposition of the agent of Messrs. A. J. Johnson & Co. to allow the Library $20. for

for each copy of the old edition of Johnson's Cyclopaedia now owned by the Library, exchanged for the new edition at $56. per copy. The Trustees declined to accept the offer.

Johnson's Cyclopaedia Copy for B. H.

Ordered, that one copy of the new edition of Johnson's Cyclopaedia be purchased for Bates Hall at a cost not to exceed $56.

Miss Marguerite Watson leaves

Miss Lena Parker $4. a week.

He further reported that agreeably to her resignation, accepted by the Trustees Oct. 25, Miss Marguerite Watson had left the service of the South Boston branch, and that Miss Lena Parker entered upon her duties as a Second Assistant Nov. 4 at $4. a week for the first year.

Ordered, that Miss Lena Parker be allowed from Nov. 4, 1889 at $4. a week.

Thomas E. Smith's petition

The petition of Thomas E. Smith was received asking to be reimbursed for certain expenses growing out of an alleged assault by him in enforcing order at the Charlestown branch, and on motion of Mr. Richards, it was

Answer in same.

Ordered, that the Librarian be requested to inform him that the Trustees are doubtful if they have jurisdiction, and that he should make his application to the City Government.

Upon proper application in each case made, the following petitioners were granted special cards for six months each upon the respective subjects named:—

Special cards granted.

Nathan Haskell Dole	Musical biography.
John C. Rand,	History & genealogy
Edward W. Sanborn	Law.
James Schouler	History
Miss C. Alice Baker	"
" Anna E. Tickner	Eng. literature.

Special card refused Miss J. O. Hall.

The petition for a special card of Miss J. O. Hall was refused, and a copy of the Rules was directed to be sent to her in explanation of the action of the Trustees.

Barlow sale books to be purchased.

Resolved, that in the judgment of the Trustees it is desirable to purchase at reasonable rates of the books pertaining to America on the auction catalogue of the late S. L. M. Barlow to an amount not exceeding $2000.

Clerk of Works report.

Reports from the Clerk of the Works from Oct. 15 to Oct 30, 1889 were received and ordered to be placed on file.

Packard to be made special policeman.

Ordered that the President pro tem. be authorized to request the Board of Police Commissioners that Hubbard C. Packard, one of the Inspectors on the new Library building be appointed a special police officer.

Mr. Benton to report upon ventilation &c.

Voted, that when the Trustees adjourn it be to Tuesday Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. and that Mr. Benton, the Architects' superintendent be requested to attend and to be prepared to give information to the Trustees touching the arrangements for electric, and for heating, lighting and ventilating apparatus for the new Public Library building, and that he further be requested to furnish the list of names prepared by Professor Haynes for the tablets on the exterior of the building.

Names for tablets

Plans for Library files.

Ordered, that Mr. Benton be requested to furnish for the files preserved at the Library a copy of each plan of the new Library Building that has been prepared for the inspection of the Trustees, in addition to the following: 1°. Certified drawings under Woodbury and Leighton's first and second contracts, and 2°. Key plan of cellar. Adjourned at 5.30.

Melvin G. Chamberlain Clerk

Nov. 12, 1889.

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Haynes, Pierce and Richards of the Trustees, and Mr. Benton.

The President pro tem., Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Nov. 8 was read and approved.

Mayor requests report upon new building

A communication was received from His Honor, the Mayor, requesting a report upon the new Library building, whereupon, upon motion of Mr. Pierce, it was

President pro tem. to reply.

Ordered, that the President pro tem., be invested with full powers to make answer to His Honor's request.

Mt. Bowdoin premises for lectures.

A request from General Hazard Stevens was received that the Mt. Bowdoin reading-room may be permitted by the Trustees to be used this winter wherein to give a course of lectures evenings, which was granted.

Special card denied Miss Beulah Small.

A petition was received from Miss Beulah Small for a special card, and on motion of Mr. Richards,

Voted, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Benton reports.

Mr. Benton explained to the Trustees what measures had been taken by the Architects in respect to electric, and lighting apparatus, and he stated that a scheme for ventilation was preparing and would in due time be submitted to the Trustees.

Adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Nellie J. Chamberlain
Clerk.

Friday, Nov. 15, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Haynes and Pierce.

The President pro tem., Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of November 12th was read and approved.

Library statement of finances to Oct. 31, 1889.

The Librarian reported the financial statement of the Library for the period of seven months ending Oct. 31, 1889.

President's report to Mayor.

The President pro tem. read a copy of his report transmitted to His Honor, the Mayor, November 13, 1889 respecting the new Library building.

The following preamble and vote were adopted: -

Cornice, carvings upon.

Whereas, Woodbury and Leighton deducted a certain sum of money from their estimate of the cost of the cornice of the new building, as the Trustees proposed to abandon certain carvings thereon, and as it is now proposed to have such carvings, it is

Voted, that the Architects be authorized to expend for the same the amount so deducted.

Adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Nellie J. Chamberlain
Clerk.

Nov. 19, 1889.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Haynes and Pierce.

The President pro tem., Mr. Prince, in the chair.

Louis F. Gray, Clerk pro tem.

Louis F. Gray acted as Clerk.

The record of the meeting of Nov. 15, 1889 was read and approved.

On motion of Professor Haynes,

Special card granted.

Voted, that a special card be issued to C. B. Richardson.

Clerk of Works to report.

Reports of the Clerk of the Works to Nov. 15 were received and ordered to be placed on file.

The following preamble and vote were adopted:—

Inscriptions

Whereas, the subject of what are proper inscriptions to be placed upon the new Library building is of the gravest consequence and

and

deserves the maturest consideration, and

lettering

Whereas, the question of what lettering should be employed upon it is not

upon

merely one of architectural decoration, and

exterior

ought to be treated as a unit, and nothing ought to be carved upon the building

of bldg

until it has been decided exactly what is to be placed there,

to be deferred

Voted, that all cutting of letters upon the building be deferred until it is nearer its completion.

Adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem.

Friday Nov. 22, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Haynes and Pierce.

The President pro tem, Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Nov. 19 was read and approved.

Branch Libns' meeting.

The Librarian reported that a meeting of the Branch Librarians was held on the 21st instant.

Adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Melvin G. Chamberlain
Clerk.

Nov. 26, 89.

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Haynes, Pierce and Richards.

The President pro tem. Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Nov. 22, 1889, was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Special card to Mrs. F. W. Jaques

Voted, that a special card be issued to Mrs. Florence W. Jaques for books relating to the Civil war.

Sp. card refused Ellen M. Barr.

The petition of Ellen M. Barr for a special card was not granted, her case not coming within the rule regulating the issue of such cards.

Adjourned at 5. p.m.

Melvin Chandler

Clerk

Tuesday Dec. 3, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4. p.m.

Present: Messrs. Pierce and Richards.

Mr. Pierce President pro tem.

Mr. Pierce was elected President pro tem. and took the chair.

The record of the meeting of Nov. 26 was read and approved, the Clerk reporting no quorum on Nov. 29, 1889.

No quorum Nov. 29, 89

Dole, N. H. loses books in fire

The Librarian reported that Nathan Haskell Dole, Esq., had had his special card and two books belonging to the Library destroyed by the recent great fire, and the Trustees ordered that another card be issued to him, and referred the question of payment for the books to the Librarian.

Billings, Juliette lends her card.

He reported that Juliette Billings, who resides at Hotel Madison had lent her Library card to a resident of Newton, contrary to the regulations of the Library. Referred to the Librarian.

Special card to N. J. McCarthy.

A special card was granted to Nathaniel J. McCarthy upon the subject of mathematics.

Hitchcock's geological map.

C. H. Hitchcock's offer to sell a copy of his geological map of the United States for $45. was laid on the table.

Memorial to James Freeman Clarke

Mr. Richards presented some correspondence relative to a proposed memorial to the late Rev. James Freeman Clarke to be placed in the new Library Building. Ordered to be placed on file.

Adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

Clerk.

December 6, 1889.

Friday, December 6, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Haynes and Pierce.

Professor Haynes President pro tem.

Professor Haynes was elected President pro tem., and took the chair.

The record of the meeting of Dec. 3, 1889, was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Old extinguishers condemned.

Ordered, that the twelve old-pattern fire extinguishers now in the Library, which, after an examination by the Boston Fire Department, have been found useless, be condemned and replaced by an equal number of the Pony Babcock Fire extinguishers.

New ones to be got.

Reports of the Clerk of the Works to November 30 were received and ordered to be placed on file.

Clerk of works report.

Two communications were received from Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton, the first dated Dec. 3, 1889 was in relation to cut granite at the quarry which they find is inconvenient to deliver in Boston and for which they request payment of the Trustees.

Cut granite at quarry

Referred to Mr. Prince to draw and report the necessary legal instruments therefor.

Delay alleged by Woodbury & L.

The other letter, dated Dec. 4, 1889, reported that on account of delays for which they are not responsible they have been able to do only about one-third as much work as they would like, and are ready to do, and that their interests are being materially damaged.

Ordered, that Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton be requested to furnish the particulars as to the cause of the delays which they refer to in their letter to the Trustees of December 4, 1889.

Adjourned at 5 p.m.

Nellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Dec. 10. 1889.

Tuesday Dec. 10, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Haynes, Pierce and Richards

Prof. Haynes President pro tem.

Professor Haynes was elected President pro tem., and took the chair.

The record of the meeting of Dec. 6, 1889 was read and approved.

Money for opening Bates Hall evenings.

A communication was received from the City Government dated Dec. 2, 1889 authorizing the Trustees to expend the balance of the money received "from the sale of the West Newton street lot" for the purpose of opening Bates Hall evenings, whereupon it was

Order to open Bates Hall evenings until 9 p.m.

Ordered, that Bates Hall be opened to the Public until 9 o'clock six evenings in the week as soon as the Librarian can report upon the personnel of the service.

Treadwell will a/c.

A letter was received from John Noble, Esq. dated Dec. 4, 1889 stating that the Trustees under the will of the late Professor Treadwell had filed their 13th account, Ordered to be placed on file.

Library a/cs

The Librarian laid before the Trustees a statement of the Library accounts to Dec. 1, 1889. Ordered to be placed on file.

Gilbert gift.

He reported that the widow of the late John Gibbs Gilbert had presented to the Library from his estate 650 volumes and 450 pamphlets, and upon motion of Mr. Pierce,

Thanks for same.

Voted, that the special thanks of the Trustees be conveyed to Mrs. John G. Gilbert for her gift of books relating to the drama, which so fitly supplements the already large collection of such works in the Library.

A letter from C. F. McKim, Esq. was received asking that a roof construction of unplaned boards be allowed in order that work may go on upon the entrance hall in freezing weather.

Temporary roof for entrance hall.

Ordered, that such temporary structure be allowed at a cost not to exceed $400.

same ordered.

Also, recommending that a special order be passed authorizing Robert C. Fisher & Co. to construct the floor of the entrance hall according to the plans shown.

Floor of entrance hall.

Ordered, that the architects be informed that the plan of the floor is approved by the Trustees and that they may proceed with the work.

Plan for same approved.

Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Clerk

Dec. 13, 1889.

Friday, Dec. 13, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs Prince, Haynes and Richards.

The President pro tem, Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Dec. 10 was read and approved.

Sunday attendants for Bates Hall.

The Librarian reported the names of the officers and other employees required to carry into effect the order of the City Government to keep Bates Hall open six evenings in the week until 9 p.m., as follows:

Librarian's report on same.

"To the Trustees:

In arranging for the "evening service of Bates Hall, I recognize the "necessity of employing trained assistants not "only for the safety of the collection, but also for "the convenience of the public; and in drawing "upon the day force for this evening service "I have distributed the labor as widely as possi-"ble lest attendance too many evenings by one "shall impair the efficiency of his day service.

"If the experiment is successful it will "be necessary ultimately to train an independ-"ent evening force.

"During the short cold days there can "be no objection to closing the iron shutters "at the customary hour, six o'clock, and thus "exempt the janitors from additional service.

"For officers in charge during the six even-"ings, at their request, and reasons set forth "in their several letters, herewith submitted, "I suggest

Whitney, James L.
Swift, Lindsay

"Mr. James L. Whitney for Saturday
"Mr. Lindsay Swift " Friday

"Mr. Edward B. Hunt for Thursday. — Hunt, E. B.

"Mr. Louis F. Gray for Tuesday and Wed-"nesday one week and for Tuesday the following "week, — Gray, L. F.

"Mr. Appleton P. C. Griffin for Monday and Tues-"day one week, and for Monday the following week. — Griffin, A. P. C.

"Compensation $4. per evening for each, except "Mr. Whitney who declined compensation.

"For second officer,

"Mr. William Roffe for Monday, Tuesday "and Wednesday. — Roffe, Wm.

"Mr. Frank C. Blaisdell for Thursday "Friday and Saturday, they interchanging eve-"nings as may suit their mutual convenience. — Blaisdell, F. C.

"I hope to find one other person for this ser-"vice, so that no one person will serve more "than two evenings a week. Compensation $2. "an evening.

"For desk attendants and the Loan Tally I propose

"Mr. Freeman L. Zittel, John Reardon, "William Walsh. Compensation $1.50. — Zittel, F. L. — Reardon, John. — Walsh, Wm.

"For runners, Melledy and Mahoney, "compensation 60 cents. — Melledy and Mahoney.

"For special police officer I have been "unable to make provision thus far.

"Respectfully

[signed.] "Mellen Chamberlain."

"December 13, 1889."

Report accepted and adopted, whereupon it was, — Report accepted.

Ordered, that the following named persons constitute the evening service for Bates Hall, to be compensated at the rates named, for actual attendance given: — Orders for B. H. service evenings.

Appleton P. C. Griffin, Louis F. Gray, Lindsay Swift and Edward B. Hunt at the rate of $4. each, per evening; Frank C. Blaisdell and William Roffe at the rate of $2. each, per evening; Freeman L. Zittel, John Reardon, and William Walsh at the rate of $1.50 each, per evening; Michael J. Melledy and Daniel F. Mahoney at the rate of 60 cents each, per evening.

Special card to Francis Skinner

The application of Francis Skinner Esq., for a special card was granted, and the Librarian was authorized to issue the card for whichever one of the two subjects asked for, that Mr. Skinner may choose.

Parmelee and others petition for books.

The petition of George L. Parmelee and others for more books upon naval architecture was considered, and the Librarian was requested to ask the petitioners to furnish a list of such works as they think should be in the Library.

Minneapolis Library board.

The Librarian was requested to thank, on behalf of the Trustees, the Library Board of the City of Minneapolis for their invitation to be present at the opening of the Minneapolis Public Library building.

Delays alleged by Woodbury and Leighton specified.

A letter was received from Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton, dated Dec. 11, 1889 giving the specific causes of the delay which they allege they are subjected to. Laid on the table.

New perspective drawing of building.

Ordered, that the architects be authorized to expend $150. to have a new perspective drawing made of the façade of the building for reproduction as an illustration for the printed proceedings at the laying of the corner-stone.

Adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk

Tuesday Dec. 17, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4. p.m.

Present: Messrs. Prince, Haynes, Pierce and Richards, and Messrs. McKim and Benton.

The President, pro tem. Mr. Prince, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Dec. 13 was read and approved.

Bates Hall opened to the Public evenings.

The Librarian reported that Bates Hall was opened to the Public in the evening for the first time on Monday Dec. 16, 1889 with Mr. A. P. C. Griffin in charge.

Remlinger promoted.

He recommended that George F. Remlinger, a Bates Hall runner be promoted to the position of assistant in the shelf department at $6. a week, in place of William Walsh, appointed to evening work in Bates Hall, and he recommended that Walsh be employed to assist in the shelf department, as occasionally required, at 25 cents an hour. Recommendations approved and adopted.

Walsh at 25¢ an hour.

Ordered, that George F. Remlinger's salary be at the rate of $6. a week from Dec. 17, 1889.

Ordered, that William Walsh be allowed at 25 cents an hour for attendance actually given.

Doyle, Agnes C., in relation to her salary.

A letter was received from Miss Agnes C. Doyle in relation to her salary. Laid on the table.

Special card to C.H. Blackall.

A petition for a special card from C.H. Blackall was granted.

Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton's letter of Dec. 11, 1889 was taken from the table,

and after full consideration, was ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Richards,

Woodbury and Leighton's reserve reduced from $45000.00 to $2500.00

Voted, to reduce the reserve from payments made from time to time to Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton under their first contract from $45,000.00 to $2,500.00 said contract being substantially fulfilled.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Brass designs in floor of entrance hall.

Voted, that the architects are hereby authorized to insert (as per plan) into the marble of the entrance hall, brass designs at an expense not to exceed $1500.

At 5.40 adjourned

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk.

Friday, Dec. 20, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Trustees was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Dec. 17, 1889 was read and approved.

Special cards to J. E. Pillsbury and Thomas S. Perry.

Special cards were granted to Lieut. J. E. Pillsbury, U.S. Navy, and to Thomas S. Perry, Esq.

T.S. Perry on Exam. Com. for 1890.

Thomas S. Perry, Esq., was appointed a member of the Examining Committee for 1890.

Salaries.

Voted, that the Schedule, prepared and presented by the Librarian, of the Library employees who are not receiving the salary to which they are already entitled, or to which they may become entitled through the operation of the scheme of Library Service adopted by the Trustees April 16, 1889, be placed upon file.

Salaries

Voted, to increase the salaries of those persons who are now entitled to such increase, as follows:-

Lindsay Swift	$1600.	from Nov. 2, 1889.
Edward B. Hunt	1400.	" " 2, "
Dora L. Cutler	$12.50 a week	fm. Nov. 2, "
Agnes C. Doyle	10.75	" " " 2, "
Michael J. Melledy	5.	" " Sep. 1, "
Daniel F. Mahoney	5.	" " " 1, "
Emma D. Coleman	8.75	" " Dec. 11, "

Clerk of Works report.

Reports of the Clerk of the Works to Dec. 15, 1889 were received and ordered to be placed on file.

Cut granite.

Voted, to purchase from Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton certain cut granite, and sixty-four tons of iron beams designed for

use in the construction of the new Public Library building, now lying at the Boston and Albany freight yard, corner of Boylston and Exeter streets, as described and numbered upon the schedule accompanying the contract of sale dated Dec. 16, 1889, and signed by said Woodbury and Leighton, and now preserved in the Library files.

W. and L's title to granite at quarry

Mr. Prince was appointed a Committee to enquire into the validity of Woodbury and Leighton's title to the cut granite and iron beams referred to in the above vote, as well as in the cut granite at the quarry in Milford, Mass.

Library bulletin as 2d Class matter in mails.

The Librarian was requested to make arrangements with the Post Office authorities by which the Library bulletin can be transmitted through the mails as second class matter.

Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Mellen Chamberlain
Clerk.

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Dec. 20, was read and approved.

Meeting of Heads of City Departments.

Two communications were received from His Honor, the Mayor, dated December 23, 1889; the first calling a meeting of the Heads of Departments at the Mayor's office on Dec. 26, was read and ordered to be placed on file. The second called for a report, to be submitted not later than Dec. 28, 1889, upon the work of the Library for the calendar year 1889; of the expenses of the Library for the same period; of the unexpended appropriation, and of the ability to continue the work without further aid to the end of the fiscal year; of recommendations for the greater efficiency of the Library; and of the total number of persons employed. Referred to the President to report his answer to the next meeting of the Trustees.

Report for Mayor's inaugural.

Nelson, Minnie F. at Dorchester.

The Librarian reported that on the recommendation of Miss Coffin, the Librarian of the Dorchester branch, he had engaged Miss Minnie F. Nelson as a second assistant at that Branch from December 20, 1889 at $4. a week, subject to the approval of the Trustees. He stated that Miss Coffin had informed him that the substitute attendant at that Branch declined to accept permanent employment.

Appointment laid on table.

On motion of Mr. Pierce, it was

Voted, to lay Miss Nelson's appointment upon the table.

Bulletin to be published quarterly.

Voted, that the Bulletin hereafter be published quarterly, and that the President and Professor Haynes be a Committee on this subject, with full powers.

W. and L's title to iron beams.

Mr. Prince reported that Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton's title to the 64 tons of iron beams was valid, and he presented a letter from the agents of the Phoenix Iron Company certifying to their actual purchase of the beams, which was ordered to be placed on file.

Mr. Prince asked for further time to report upon the cut granite.

Certificate of payment approved.

Voted, that the Architects' certificate for payment be approved with the exception of the item relating to cut granite delivered, amounting to $24,028.00, also, the Architects' bill, less their commission on said amount.

Adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Melvin Lamberton
Clerk

Friday, Dec. 27, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Lewis F. Gray acted as Clerk. — L. F. Gray Clk pro tem.

The record of the meeting of Dec. 24 was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Whitney, J. L. relieved from evening work.

Voted, that in consideration of the fact that Mr. James L. Whitney serves the Library evenings at considerable personal inconvenience, he be relieved from further service of this character, and that the thanks of the Trustees be expressed to him for his kindness in volunteering to help them. — Thanks of Trustees given him.

Melledy. Mahoney.

The Clerk pro tem. reported that Michael J. Melledy and Daniel F. Mahoney had each preferred a written request to be relieved of three of the six nights for which they had been assigned to the evening service in Bates Hall as runners by the arrangement for such service approved by the Trustees Dec. 13, 1889, and that George F. Remlinger, Edward J. Daley and Henry D. Gray had expressed a desire to serve in their places as needed, whereupon, on motion of Mr. Richards,

Remlinger. Daley. Gray, H. D.

Ordered, that the evening service in Bates Hall, as determined by the Trustees on December 13, be so far modified that Mr. A. P. C. Griffin and Mr. L. F. Gray may serve two evenings each per week.

Griffin. Gray, L. F.

Ordered, that George F. Remlinger, Edward J. Daley and Henry D. Gray

Reserve runners for B. H. evening service

be allowed to constitute a reserve force of runners, under the management of Mr. L. F. Gray, for the evening service in Bates Hall at 60 cents per evening each, for actual service rendered.

Report for Mayor's inaugural.

The President read a draft of a report to His Honor, the Mayor, as directed by the Trustees at their last meeting, which was approved, and he was authorized to sign the same on behalf of the Trustees.

Clerk of Works letter from about cut granite

A letter was received from the Clerk of the Works explaining his system of certification, and of the estimation of the money value of the cut granite at the Boston and Albany freight yard as well as at the quarry in Milford. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Report upon new Library bldg

Also, a general report of the work upon the new Library building during the past year. Ordered to be placed on file.

Adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem.

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1889.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Louis F. Gray acted as Clerk.

Gray, L. F. Clerk pro tem

The record of the meeting of Dec. 27, 1889 was read and approved.

appn for opening B. H. evenings $2000.

A communication was received from the City Government dated Dec. 19, 1889, instructing the City Treasurer to issue certificates of indebtedness, the proceeds to be appropriated for various items, including the sum of $2,000.00 for opening Bates Hall evenings for the balance of the financial year. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Miss Burnell letter from

A letter was received from Miss Burnell of the catalogue department. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

The Trustees discussed the new Public Library building, and at 5.25 p.m.

Adjourned

Louis F. Gray
Clerk, pro tem.

January 3, '90

Friday, January 3, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes and Prince.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Dec. 31, 1889 was read and approved.

Yearly accessions

The Librarian reported the accessions of books to the various departments of the Library for the year just ended.

Keenan, M. J. $6. a week.

Ordered, that the salary of Matthew J. Keenan be at the rate of $6. a week from Jan. 4, 1890.

Mrs. Bond temporarily employed

The President reported that he had authorized Miss Fuller to temporarily employ Mrs. Sarah A. C. Bond to assist in the ordering department at $13. per week, which action was approved by the Trustees.

Same.

Ordered, that Sarah A. C. Bond be allowed from January 3, 1890, at $13. a week, while she is in the service.

Adjourned

Melvin Lamborlaus Clerk

Tuesday, January 7, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of January 3d was read and approved.

Estimates

The usual annual communication was received from the City Auditor in relation to the estimate of the amount of money needed for the maintenance of the Library for the coming financial year. Laid upon the table.

Roffe resigns evening service in reading-rooms

The Librarian laid before the Trustees the resignation of William Roffe as evening attendant in the Reading-room, which was accepted, and it was

Fallon appointed to same.

Ordered, that William Fallon be engaged for evening service as attendant in the Reading-room at $300. per annum from January 17, 1890.

Clk of Works report.

Reports of the Clerk of the Works to Dec. 31, 1889 were received and ordered to be placed on file.

Staircase to special library floor.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to contract with Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton, by special order to build the staircase from Bates Hall floor to the special Library floor, as shown on architects' drawing No. 241. The platform and treads to be of Yorkshire stone, handrails to be of Iowa or Alps green marble, or an equivalent, polished, all other stone work to be of approved buff Amherst stone, at a cost not to exceed $2394.

Adjourn't.

Voted, to adjourn to Tuesday, January 14,

1890, at 4 p.m., unless sooner called by the President.

Adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk

Tuesday, January 14, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The record of the meeting of January 7, 1890 was read and approved.

The President laid before the Trustees a notification from the Clerk of Committees of a meeting of the Committee on the Public Library of the City Council on Wednesday at 10 o'clock a.m. to which the Trustees are invited. — Committee on Public Library of City Council

Two communications were received from His Honor, the Mayor, viz. Circular No. 36, dated January 7, 1890 requesting Heads of Departments to publish their annual reports in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth and the Revised Ordinances of the City, particularly as regards the time of publication. Read and ordered to be placed on file. — Mayor's circular #36 — Annual report publication of.

The Mayor's other communication was dated January 10, 1890, asking if the Trustees will not devise a plan for indexing all the City documents and offering to provide such help as may be needed. — City documents, index to proposed.

The President was requested to reply to His Honor, the Mayor, that the Trustees will be glad to take the matter under consideration, and endeavor to devise a plan and submit it to him, at the same time expressing their thanks for the suggestion. — President to reply.

Special cards were granted to Mrs. Ellen R. Emerson, Charles H. Livermore and Warren Upham. — Special cards

Bond to U.S. Govt. for release of Clock

Ordered, that Samuel A. B. Abbott, President of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, be, and he hereby is, authorized in behalf of said Corporation to make, execute and deliver to the United States of America, a bond in the sum of two thousand dollars, dated January 14, 1890, for the entry at the Custom House at New York of one case marked F P D 334 containing a clock intended for permanent exhibition in the Public Library of the City of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Prince, it was

Pike, H. N. leave of absence granted

Voted, that in consideration of her long and faithful service in the Library of more than twenty-two years Miss Harriet N. Pike be granted two months leave of absence from January 1, 1890 without loss of pay.

Clerk of Works report on Ceiling in reserve space

Cut granite, manner of payment

A letter was received from the Clerk of the Works in relation to the ceiling in reserved space No. 1, and as to the manner of payment of cut granite, and it was ordered that the ceiling be allowed at a cost not exceeding $2730.92, and that no cut granite be paid for until it is set or delivered at the Boston and Albany Freight yard.

Adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Friday, January 17, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of January 14, 1890 was read and approved.

Special cards. Special cards were granted to Bordman Hall, Esq., and to President Wm. F. Warren of Boston University.

Murphy, W. A. evening runner B. H. Ordered, that William A. Murphy be allowed as evening runner in Bates Hall at sixty cents a night.

Shelf department, reorganization of. The subject of the reorganization of the Shelf Department was referred to Mr. A. P. C. Griffin.

Adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Jany 1, '90.

Tuesday January 21, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of January 17 was read and approved.

Pike, H. N.
Two months leave.

A letter was received from Miss H. N. Pike thanking the Trustees for granting her two months leave of absence. Ordered to be placed on file.

Fuller, E. D. and Whitney, J. L. Letters from.

Letters from Miss E. D. Fuller and Mr. James L. Whitney in relation to the service in their respective departments were read and consideration postponed.

Dippold, special card

A special card was granted to Professor George Theodore Dippold of the Institute of Technology.

S.O. #45-50.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to sign special orders 45 to 50 as follows:

Vestibule floor $2262.00

No. 45. To Messrs. Robert C. Fisher & Co. to furnish and lay vestibule floor with Tennessee marble in accordance with drawing No. 249 for an amount not to exceed $2262.

Entrance Hall $4000.00

No. 46. To the same to furnish and lay floor of entrance hall of selected marble according to "drawing No. 1, Dec. 13, 1889" for an amount not to exceed $4000.

Brass inlay

No. 47. To the same for brass designs to be inserted in marble of entrance hall as voted on Dec. 17, 1889.

Mosaic work for ceiling

No. 48. To the same for mosaic work for the ceiling of the entrance hall at a rate not exceeding $3.50 per square foot.

No. 49. To Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton to build temporary roof over the entrance hall for $400.

Temporary roof $400.

Cut granite block "Open to all": $60.

No. 50. To the same to furnish and set a block of cut granite to receive the letters "Open to all", for $60.

Vaulted ceiling of driveway

Ordered, that the vaulted ceiling of the driveway on Boylston street be constructed of tile-arch material on the Guastavino system, according to plans in the architects' office.

Adjourned at 6 p.m.

Melvin P. Chamberlain
Clerk

January 24, '90

Friday, January 24, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of January 21 1890 was read and approved.

Special cards to Hodgson, André and Cross.

Special cards were granted to Richard Hodgson, Gabriel André and Charles R. Cross.

Mooney and Maloney B. Runners

Ordered, that George V. Mooney and William Maloney be allowed at $3.50 each a week from January 24, 1890.

Seaver, L. C. salary $13.50.

Ordered, that the salary of Mrs. L. F. Seaver be at the rate of $13.50 per week from January 25, 1890.

Bradley's contract

Ordered, that the President be authorized to renew the contract for binding Lower Hall and Branch books for one year with Messrs. Bradley and Woodruff, the successors to Messrs. Ira Bradley & Co. upon the same terms as heretofore agreed upon.

Prince, H. O. Chr. Exam. Committee

Ordered, that the Hon. H. O. Prince, the chairman of the Examining Committee for 1889 be requested to call a meeting of that Committee on Tuesday January 28 at 3 p.m.

The following ladies and gentlemen were unanimously appointed members of the Examining Committee for 1890: –

Examining Committee 1890.

Dr. Harold Williams to examine the collection of medical books.

Thurlow Weed Barnes, Esq.

Miss Annie Phillips

Samuel Arthur Bent, Esq.

Miss Harriette S. Lawrence.

Pierce fund may need be withdrawn from City Treasury.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to inform the City Treasurer that the Trustees probably shall draw from the City Treasury the sum of money, amounting to $5000, known as the Peirce fund to be expended in the purchase of books at the forthcoming sale of the Barlow collection.

Committee to attend Barlow sale.

Ordered, that the President and the Librarian be a Committee to represent the Trustees by attending the sale of the Barlow collection at New York beginning February 3d 1890, and to expend the money granted by the City Government, employing such assistance as they may deem desirable.

Barlow sale, President to sign drafts.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to sign a draft or drafts upon the City Treasury, for such sum as may be required, not exceeding the amount granted by the City Government, for use at the sale of the Barlow collection.

Adjourn't to Architects' office

Voted, that when the Trustees adjourn it be to Saturday, January 25, 1890 at 2 p.m. at the office of Messrs. McKim, Mead and White, 53 Beacon street.

Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Melvin Franklin Clerk

January 25, '90

Saturday, January 25, 1890.

at McK. M. & W's office

The Corporation met, pursuant to adjournment, at the office of Messrs. McKim, Mead and White, 53, Beacon street, at 2 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince, Pierce, and Richards, and Messrs. McKim and Benton.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Gray, L. F. Clk.

Louis F. Gray acted as Clerk.

New Bldg estimates.

Mr. McKim submitted estimates for continuing and completing the erection of the new Public Library building, and exhibited plans, which were fully discussed.

Same. Legend upon exterior.

Ordered, that the subject of the legend upon the exterior of the building, and the eagles over the entrance be referred to the next meeting

Adjourned at 6.10 p.m.
Louis F. Gray
Clerk pro tem.

Tuesday, January 28, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince, Pierce and Richards; Professor Haynes absent by reason of illness.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of January 24, and January 25 were read and approved.

Two communications dated January 25, 1890 were received from the Mayor's office; one stating that he had signed the order placing at the disposal of the Trustees $20,000 for the purchase of books. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Barlow sale $20,000.00 for.

The other was an order calling attention to the fact that the 22d of February, next, is a legal holiday and requesting that all employees be granted that day without loss of pay. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Washington's Birthday.

Ordered, that the Library and Branches be closed on the 22d day of February next.

Same.

Special cards were granted to Lieut. A. V. Wadhams, U.S. Navy; to Prof. G. Lanza; to Frank A. Bates, and to Rev. Edw. A. Rand.

Special cards to A. V. Wadhams G. Lanza, F. A. Bates E. A. Rand.

On motion of Mr. Richards,

Ordered, that Bates Hall be kept open on Sundays for the lending and consultation of books from 2 to 9 p.m. for the remainder of the financial year, and that the plan for organization of the service for Sunday be reported at the next meeting.

B. H. opened Sundays

Ordered, that the salary of Mr. Arthur J. Knowles be at the rate of $17.50 per week from January 28, 1890.

Knowles, A. J. salary

Shelf dept., reorganization.
Same and Ord. dept.
Consolidation of

Two letters from Mr. Griffin upon the subject of reorganization in the shelf department, and of consolidation of the Ordering and shelf departments were laid upon the table.

Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Melvin Lamborlane
Clerk

Friday, January 31, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4. p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Bruce, Pierce, and Richards, Mr. Haynes being absent by reason of illness.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Louis F. Gray acted as clerk. Gray, L. F. Clk. pro tem.

The record of the meeting of January 28, 1890 was read and approved.

A communication was received from the City Government, also a duplicate of the same from the Mayor's office, authorizing the City Auditor to transfer the following sums to the appropriation for the Public Library for the purchase of books:— Barlow sale $20,000.00 furnish'd by City Govt.

From Commonwealth Ave. bridle path $18,500.
Beacon Hill reservoir lot 947.57
Long Island 552.43
20,000.00

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from the City Treasurer, enclosing a copy of an opinion from the Corporation Counsel, concerning the disposition of the certificate of indebtedness of the City of Boston in which the donation of $5000. of the Hon. Henry L. Pierce is invested, in which the opinion is expressed that the money should be drawn and expended by order of the City Council. Read and ordered to be placed on file. Pierce fund Corporation Counsel's opinion on expenditure of

Special cards were granted to Major Wm. R. Livermore u. s. army, and to Edwin A. Stone. Special cards to Wm. R. Livermore and E. A. Stone

The President reported that he had received the report of the Examining Committee

Ordered, that the following ladies and

Examining Comtee. gentlemen be appointed on the Examining Committee for 1890, in addition to those already appointed: –

The Rev. Geo. A. Gordon, D.D., Samuel F. McCleary, Esq., Martin Brimmer, Esq., Miss Alice Lee.

Burns, C. de F. authorized to represent Trustees at Barlow sale. Voted, that Charles de F. Burns of New York City be authorized to appear at the Barlow sale and under the direction of the President of the Trustees, purchase in behalf of the Library, books therefrom not exceeding in value the sum of $25,000.00 and to receive, pack and transmit the same to Boston.

On motion of Mr. Prince,

Gray, L. F. purchasing Clerk. Voted, that Mr. Louis F. Gray be appointed purchasing clerk of all supplies needed for the Library and that the same be distributed by him to the employes on their written requisition, and that no expenditure whatever be made by any but the purchasing clerk, and only by written requisition.

Patent Library care of transfd to L. H. dept. Ordered, that the custodianship of the Patent Library be transferred from the Catalogue department to the Lower Hall under the charge of Mr. Tiffany, and that he be directed to report his plan for supplying the service at the next meeting of the Trustees.

Complaint box Ordered, that the custodian of the building be directed to furnish a complaint box for each hall, properly inscribed, and to report the contents of the same at each meeting of the Trustees.

Book Department Ordered, that the plan for consolidating the Ordering and Sheef departments into one, to be known as the Book department, be approved.

Books $37. Ordered, that certain books to the value of $37. offered by O'Neill, be purchased.

Sunday service in B. H. Ordered, that the organization for the Sunday service in Bates Hall, and the compensation stated

be approved and adopted, as follows: –

That Louis F. Gray or Appleton P. C. Griffin, as they shall agree, be in charge, at the rate of $9.33 per Sunday. Gray. Griffin.

That William Roffe be allowed at $4. per Sunday, with Frank C. Blaisdell as substitute. Roffe Blaisdell

That William Walsh, Freeman L. Zittel and William L. Day be allowed at $3.00 each, per Sunday, with William Fallon as substitute. Walsh. Zittel, Day, Fallon

That William A. Murphy, James Brown, and George F. Remlinger be allowed at $120 each per Sunday, with Daniel F. Mahoney as substitute. Murphy, W. A. Brown Remlinger.

Ordered, that Mr. Lindsay Swift have full authority to edit the Bulletin of the Library, and that the responsibility rest with him for its regular appearance upon the 1st day of each April, July, October and January. Swift, L. to edit Bulletin.

Reports of the Clerk of the Works to January 15, 1890, were received and ordered to be placed on file. Clk. of Works rept.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to approve the agreement of Woodbury and Leighton dated January 15, 1890, to sell to the Trustees a lot of cut granite designed for the new Public Library building. Cut granite.

Ordered, that when the Trustees adjourn it be to Friday February 7, 1890 at 4 p.m. Adjournt.

Adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Louis F. Gray
Clerk pro tem.

Friday. February 7, 1890. No quorum

Feb.y 14.'90

Friday, February 14, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4. p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of January 31, 1890 was read and approved.

No quorum Feb. 7th

The Clerk reported that no quorum appeared on February 7th and that the meeting of February 11th was postponed.

Postponement Feb. 11th

A second notice was received from His Honor the Mayor calling attention to the time of publication of annual reports of departments, and the Librarian was requested to reply stating the reasons for the delay.

Annual reports, time of publication of

Special cards to N. P. Gilman, T. A. Dodge, Jules Luquiens

Special cards were granted to Nicholas P. Gilman, Theodore A. Dodge, and Jules Luquiens. Henry P. Kittredge's request for a special card was laid upon the table, the Librarian meantime to request an interview to more fully understand if he is entitled to receive one.

Safe-vault, combination to be changed.

A letter was received from Mr. William E. Ford, the janitor, requesting that the combination of the safe-vault be changed and that he be relieved of the charge of the Washington medal and the Webster vase.

Same, ordered and to be known by President, Librarian and Mr. Gray.

Ordered, that his request be granted and that the combination of the safe-vault be changed, and given to Mr. Abbott, the President, to Judge Chamberlain, the Librarian and to Mr. Louis F. Gray.

Ford, W. E. salary of

As to Mr. Ford's request for additional salary for himself and for his assistants, the Trustees deem that his salary is sufficient, and that the case of his assistants will be considered.

Clarke, W. B. presents Devens's oration on Sheridan.

The Librarian was requested to reply to Mr. W. B. Clarke thanking him for his gift to the Library of a copy of General Charles Devens's oration upon General Philip Henry Sheridan.

Library of Brooklyn Institute subscribes for Bulletin.

A letter was received from the Library of the Brooklyn Institute requesting to be enrolled as a subscriber to the Boston Public Library bulletin if it is concluded to issue future numbers to subscribers only. Ordered to be placed on file.

McKim, Mead & White's office removed.

A letter from Messrs. McKim, Mead and White stating that they had engaged offices at 87 Boylston street, which they will occupy March 1, 1890, was referred to the President.

Chevallier, C. recommends periodicals.

A letter from Charles Chevallier recommending the purchase of certain periodicals for the Reading-room was referred to the Librarian.

Prof. Haynes. Com.tee on periodicals.

Professor Haynes was appointed a committee to report upon what periodicals now taken by the Library should be discontinued.

McCarthy, Annie, desires position in Library.

An application from Miss Annie McCarthy for a position in the Library was ordered to be placed on file.

Lindemann, C. letter abt roofing tiles.

A letter from Charles Lindemann of Baltimore in relation to roofing tiles for the new Public Library building was ordered to be placed on file.

Shea, Timothy lease of his quarry.

A letter from Timothy Shea, Esq, was received in respect to the lease of his quarry at Milford, Mass, and it was

Release of same

Ordered, that the President be authorized to sign, seal and deliver in the name and behalf of the Trustees, a release of the lease dated 26th January 1889 of certain property in the

town of Milford belonging to Timothy Shea and Ellen Shea in her own right, and used as a granite quarry.

Barlow sale, Burns $253.42 Kirby $20,280.00

Ordered, that the President be authorized to sign drafts upon the City Treasury in favor of Charles de F. Burns for $253.42 on account of commission for services at the sale of the Barlow collection, and in favor of Thomas E. Kirby for $20,280. for books purchased at said sale.

Naval officers on duty here, enquiry as to Library privileges

A letter from Abram R. Thompson was received enquiring if it is permissible for the families of U.S. Naval officers on duty at this station, but not residing in Boston, to enjoy the privileges of the Library. No action was taken, the Trustees expressing the opinion that permission was granted to such under the general rule.

Nelson, Minnie F. 2d Asst at Dor.

Ordered, that the nomination of Miss Minnie F. Nelson be taken from the table, and that she be appointed a second assistant at the Dorchester branch from February 14, 1890 at $4.00 a week, for the first year.

Barton Library restrictions on access to

The question of restriction from freedom of access to the Barton Library room was referred to the Librarian, to report at the next meeting of the Trustees.

Curtis, Geo. T. time extended for loan of book

George Ticknor Curtis's request for extension of the time which he may retain a pamphlet volume numbered 4390 a 62 was granted for a further period of three months.

Sunday registration

A letter from Mr. Tiffany in relation to registration of persons desiring cards upon Sunday was received. Ordered to be placed upon file, and the subject to be indefinately postponed.

Evans, G. W. applies for Sunday work

An application for Sunday and evening employment by Mr. George W. Evans was ordered to be placed on file.

Annual estimates

Ordered, that the Librarian be requested to prepare the estimates for the appropriation for the Library for the coming financial year, and report them to the Trustees at the next meeting, to which time the subject of the estimates is specially assigned.

Blaisdell, F.C. Custodian of the Patent Lib'y.

Ordered, that Mr. Frank C. Blaisdell, in addition to his office of Curator of the Lower Hall card catalogue, be appointed Custodian of the Patent Library, under the direction of Mr. Tiffany.

Conroy, Sunday runner.

Ordered, that Martin J. Conroy be appointed Sunday runner in Bates Hall in place of George F. Remlinger, at $1.20 per Sunday.

Books $31.

Ordered, that books to the value of $31. submitted by O'Neill, be purchased.

Lowell, James R. for Exam. Com'tee.

The Honorable James Russell Lowell was appointed upon the Examining Committee.

Further nominations for the Examining Committee were laid upon the table.

Brighton fence.

A letter from Mr. Ford was received stating that the fence surrounding the Brighton branch building is in need of repair. Laid upon the table.

Fire apparatus to be exam'd

Ordered, that the fire department be requested to examine the Library's fire apparatus.

Adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

Feb. 18, 1890.

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4. p. m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of Feb. 14, 1890 was read and approved.

Papers from Mayor's office

A communication was read from His Honor, the Mayor transmitting seven volumes of papers from his office, whereupon it was

Orders about same **

Ordered, that the volumes received to-day from His Honor, the Mayor, be accepted and placed in the Library after receiving two stars to prevent them ever leaving the the building, and that the thanks of the Trustees be conveyed to His Honor for this gift.

Art Commission, hearing upon

A circular was received from the Boston Society of Architects, stating that the Committee on Library of the General Court will give a hearing upon the subject of an Art Commission for the City of Boston, at the State House, February 19 at 10.30 a. m. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Special cards

Special cards were granted to Henry G. Kittredge and to Professor Jesse B. Thomas.

Complaints

The contents of the complaint boxes were reported and the Librarian was directed to make answer to such of them as seem to require it.

White, John and Monahan, Wm salaries.

Ordered, that the salaries of John White and William Monahan be increased $2.50 each per week from February 1, 1890 for extra service on Sunday.

Callahan, John F. $6.00 a week

Ordered that John F. Callahan be allowed from February 10, 1890 at $6.00 a week.

Amory, Annie, on Ex. Com^tee

Ordered, that Miss Annie Amory be appointed a member of the Examining Committee for 1890.

Rollins, Letter from

A letter from Miss Rollins of the catalogue department was laid on the table, as was also one from Mr. Tiffany respecting the employment of Mrs. E. T. Reed for service in the Lower Hall on Tuesday evening of each week.

Tiffany, re. about Mrs. Reed.

Room "H" door to be kept locked.

Ordered, that the door of the ante-room to the Barton Library, containing the Franklin and Thayer collections be kept locked, and the use of the key be subject to the same restrictions that have heretofore applied to that of the Barton Library.

Dame, Agnes R. decease of

The Librarian reported that Miss Agnes R. Dame, assistant clerk in the ordering department, died of consumption at her home in Cambridge on February 15, 1890.

Lewis and Clarke's travels restored to Dr. Herrick.

Ordered, that the "Voyages and Travels of Captains Lewis and Clarke," No. 912 of the Barlow Library, purchased by the Trustees at the recent sale of said Library, be returned to the Rev. Dr. Herrick, he having respresented that it was stolen from his father's library.

Estimates 1890-91

The City Auditor's letter was taken from the table and the following was adopted, on motion of Mr. Prince,

Estimates, 1890-91.

Binding, (materials and books)	$1500.00
Books and periodicals	20,000.00
Catalogue and printing same	10,000.00
Expense	3,000.00
Fuel	4000.00
Furniture and fixtures	1500.00
Gas and electricity	8000.00
Mt. Bowdoin	1000.00
Rents	5,875.00
Repairs	3,000.00
Salaries	87,000.00
Stationery and postage	1200.00
Transportation	2700.00
Total	$151,775.00

Adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Melvil Chamberlain

Clerk.

Feb. 21, 1890.

Friday, February 21, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Peirce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of February 18, 1890 was read and approved.

Letters from Mayor's office.

A letter was received from His Honor, the Mayor transmitting eight cases of letters addressed to the Mayor of Boston from 1885 to 1888, whereupon it was,

same **

Ordered, that the same be accepted and placed in the Library; that they receive two stars; and that they be accessible to nobody except the Mayor of Boston, without an order from the Trustees.

Property, return of to Assessors.

A circular was received from the Board of Assessors requesting that a return be made of the real and personal property controlled by the Trustees, together with an estimate of its present value. Laid on the table.

Special cards

Special cards were granted to H. E. A. Clifford and Robert Rayner.

Bowen, Sarah E. allowance for illness

A letter was read from Sarah E. Bowen, forewoman of the Bindery requesting allowance for time taken on account of sickness, whereupon, on motion of Mr. Peirce,

Nolan, Sarah temporarily employed.

Ordered, that Sarah Nolan be allowed pay for nine weeks in which she acted as substitute for Mrs S. E. Bowen, at $9.50 per week.

Clk of Works, report.

The President laid before the Trustees reports of the Clerk of the Works to Feb. 15, 1890. Placed on file.

Release to Shea of Quarry at Milford.

He reported that he had executed and delivered a release to Timothy Shea of the granite quarry in Milford.

He further reported certain correspondence with Messrs. McKim, Mead and White in relation

to plans for heating, and for iron work for roof, and he stated that they promise to use all possible speed in the preparation of the drawings for the latter, and that they expect to submit plans for heating by March 1, 1890.

Heating, etc. Drawings for new bldg.

The following letter was laid before the Trustees:

"February 19, 1890.

Letter about: - Brass inlays,

"J. A. B. Abbott, Esq., President. Dear Sir: Mr. McKim "desires your attention called to the following matters in con-"nection with the new Public Library building.

"In order to complete the brass inlay of entrance "hall satisfactorily the appropriation should be increased Carving "five hundred dollars. It is desirable that the niche "heads of vestibule should be carved according to mod-"els made by Mr. Evans at an expense of $400.

"The work in mosaic of entrance hall is being Names "delayed for want of names which are to go in spandrels "of arches. It is important that this matter should be "settled at once. What decision has been reached "regarding carving the keystones of main entrance arches.

"Yours truly [signed] Thomas Fox."

Action: - No more allowance for.

After due consideration of the above letter, the Trustees decided to allow no more money for the brass work in the floor of the entrance hall than was agreed to in special order no. 47 authorizing the same, and that the question of the carving of the niche heads and of the keystones of the main entrance arches be deferred for future consideration.

Legend for Dartmouth st. side of new bl'dg.

Ordered, that the legend upon the exterior of the building upon the Dartmouth street side, consideration of which was deferred at the meeting of January 25, 1890, be as follows:—

"Built for the People by the City of Boston in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight."

Names for mosaic vaults.

Mr. Pierce made a motion to the effect that in accordance with their request, the architects be furnished with thirty-six names to be placed in the spandrels of the mosaic vaults of the entrance-hall ceiling of the new Public Library building.

Amendment proposed by Prof. Haynes

Professor Haynes moved as a amendment that no names be so furnished, and on motion of Mr. Richards,

Subject assigned

Ordered, that the subject be assigned to the next meeting of the Trustees, with the understanding that it is to be then determined.

Mr. McKim to attend.

Ordered, that Mr. McKim be requested to be present at the next meeting of the Trustees on Tuesday the 25th instant.

Adjourned at 6 p.m.

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk

Tuesday February 25, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of February 21, 1890 was read and approved.

Special cards. — Special cards were granted to Dr. Francis H. Brown and David G. Hubbard.

Fire apparatus reported upon. — A report upon the Library's fire apparatus from the office of the Fire Commissioners, and a memorandum of the prices of the additional objects required was referred to the President with full powers.

Cambridge Lyceum shares. — The question of disposing of the shares in the Cambridge Lyceum received under the Treadwell bequest was considered, and it was decided that no action is required.

Mack, Eliza, allowance for illness. — A letter was received from Mr. Edward Tiffany in respect to Miss Eliza J. Mack's absence on account of sickness, and requesting the Trustees to make allowance for time taken in excess of the regular vacation. Ordered to be placed on file for future consideration.

Complaints. — Sundry complaints and suggestions were laid before the Trustees and it was directed that proper answer be returned in each case.

Congressional documents, cataloguing of. — The Librarian was directed to report upon the cataloguing of Congressional documents.

Duplicate volume to Mr. Perry. — Ordered, that one copy of Magnin, Les origines du théâtre, of which the Library possesses three, be given to Mr. Thomas S. Perry on exchange.

A letter was received from the Rev.

Herrick, Dr. acknowledgment for restored book

Dr. Samuel E. Herrick, acknowledging the receipt of the volume returned to him by the Trustees by vote of Feb. 18, 1890. Ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Prince,

McCarthy, John salary.

Ordered, that the salary of John McCarthy, janitor of the North End branch be at the rate of $150 a day from February 28, 1890.

McKim, unable to attend.

A telegram was received from C. F. McKim, Esq., explaining that he could not attend the meeting today.

Legends for Boylston street side of new bldg proposed.

Mr. Prince offered for consideration the following inscription for the exterior of the new Public Library building, on the Boylston street side "The first free Public School founded 1636 – its crowning glory the first free Public Library founded 1852."

Reserve space #3 floors and ceilings

A letter was received from Edward R. Benton, the architects' Superintendent requesting action by the Trustees in regard to floors and ceilings in reserve space No. 3, and in the catalogue room of the new Public Library building. Laid on the table.

McKim to be present.

Ordered, that Mr. McKim be requested to be present at the meeting on Friday Feb. 28, to which date the subject of names is further specially assigned.

Harris books to be deposited in Central Library.

Ordered, that books purchased in future with the income of the Charlotte Harris fund, that appear to be of too great value to be exposed to the danger of fire at the Charlestown branch, be deposited in the Central Library.

Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk.

Saturday March 1, 1890.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The reading of the record of the last meeting was deferred.

Prince, F.O. Chairman of Exam. Com.

The Hon. Frederick O. Prince was appointed Chairman of the Examining Committee and it was ordered that a meeting of the Committee be called in his name for Wednesday March 5th 1890 at 3 p.m.

First meeting.

Fulton, Rev. Robt. on Exam. Com.

The Rev. Robert Fulton, S.J. was appointed a member of the Examining Committee.

Iron beams. $121.80.

The President was authorized to approve a bill for iron beams from Messrs. Woodbury and Leighton amounting to $121.80

Barlow sale money for.

He read a draft of a report to His Honor, the Mayor in relation to the expenditure of the special grant of money to buy books at the Barlow sale, which was approved, with changes.

S.H. catalogue of Hist. Biog. & Travel

Ordered, that Mr. Whitney be requested to report at the next meeting upon the condition of the Lower Hall catalogue of History, Biography and Travel which is in preparation for printing.

City publications, Bibliography of.

The subject of a bibliography of City publications was referred to, but no action was taken.

On motion of Mr. Pierce, it was

Deficiency appropriation.

Voted, that the President be authorized and requested to communicate with His Honor, the Mayor, and inform him that the Trustees find it necessary for the purposes of the proper administration of the Library for the remainder of the current year, to request a spec-

cial appropriation of $7640.95.

Book department rules on table.

The President laid before the Trustees for discussion a proposed set of rules for the government of the Book department, which were laid upon the table.

Adjourned at 4.50 p.m. to Monday March 3d at 2.30 p.m.

Adjourned

Melvin Lamberton

Clerk

Monday March 3, 1890.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards and Mr. McKim.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The reading of the records of the last two meetings was deferred.

On motion of Mr. Richards,

Ordered, that consideration of the subject of names, which was assigned at the meeting of the Corporation of February 21, 1890, be resumed.

Names for new building

Professor Haynes, with the consent of the Trustees, withdrew his motion that no names be given to the architects.

On motion of Mr. Prince,

Voted, to amend by striking out the word "six", so that it shall read "thirty."

Amended to read "thirty" instead of "thirty-six".

The vote, as amended, was unanimously passed, as follows: -

Voted, that in accordance with their request, the architects be furnished thirty names to be placed in the spandrels of the mosaic vaults of the entrance hall ceiling of the new Public Library building.

Names selected

The following thirty names were selected: Mather, Motley, Wyman, Mann, Prescott, Choate, Sumner, Webster, Phillips, Franklin, Agassiz, Peirce, Hawthorne, Longfellow, Emerson, Stuart, Bulfinch, Copley, Allston, Adams, Parker, Channing, Shaw, Story, Gray, Bowditch, Warren, Felton, Garrison, Eliot.

Names for pavement of entrance hall.

The following names of those connected with the foundation of the Library were furnished the architects to be placed in the pavement of the entrance hall: -

Everett, Ticknor, Bigelow, Bates, Jewett, Win-

throp, Quincy, Nattemare.

Keystones, designs to be prepared by St. Gaudens

Ordered, that St. Gaudens be authorized to model the designs for the key-stones of the three arches of the Dartmouth street entrance, the designs to consist of the head of Minerva for the centre keystone, and two Roman eagles for those of the side arches.

Voted, that when the Trustees adjourn it be to Friday, March 7 at 4. p.m.

Adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk

Friday, March 7, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of February 25th March 1st and March 3d were read and approved.

Special cards — Special cards were granted to Daniel Dorchester, jr., and to George H. Mifflin.

Hunt, Louise L. acknowledges receipt of Barton catalogue. — A letter was received from Miss Louise Livingstone Hunt acknowledging, on behalf of the surviving members of the family of Mrs. Cora Livingstone Barton, the receipt of a copy of the Barton catalogue. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

2nd & 20th Mass. regiments. — The President read a letter from John C. Ropes in relation to the memorials in the new Public Library building of the Twentieth and of the Second Massachusetts Regiments of Infantry.

Exam. Com'tees meeting — The Librarian reported that the examining Committee held their first meeting for organization in the Trustees' room on Wednesday March 5th, with the Hon. Frederick O. Prince in the chair.

Gray, Henry D. leaves — That Henry D. Gray, runner in the Catalogue room, left the service on March 4th, 1890 and he recommended that William G. Harvey, the senior Bates Hall runner, be promoted to his place from the same date. Recommendation approved and adopted.

Harvey, promoted. — Same, salary of. — Ordered, that William G. Harvey's salary be at the rate of $4.00 a week from March 4, 1890.

Daley and Remlinger fined. — Ordered, that Edward T. Daley and George F. Remlinger be each fined one day's pay for infraction of the Library rules.

Clerk of Works office. — Mr. Abbott reported that a reorganization of the Clerk of the Works' office had been effected to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. Adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk

March 11, 1890.

Tuesday, March 11, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince, Pierce and Richards, and Mr. Frederick Tudor.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of March 7, 1890 was read and approved.

Brighton fence on file.

The subject of a fence for the Brighton branch was taken from the table and placed on file.

Assessors' request for valuation of prop.

The circular from the Board of Assessors requesting a valuation of the Library property was taken from the table, but without action.

City publications Bibliography of.

The subject of a bibliography of Boston city publications was referred to Mr. Whitney to report a plan.

Special card.

A special card was granted to Professor A. J. E. Mullan.

Ventilation and heating of new bldg. Tudor's plans.

Mr. Tudor explained at length his plans, offered to the Trustees for consideration, for heating and ventilating the new Public Library building.

Adjourned at 6.00 p.m.

Mellen Chamberlain

Clerk

Friday, March 14, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4. p.m.

Present, Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of March 11, 1890, was read and approved.

Fulton, Revd R. on Exam. Comtee

The Librarian reported that the Revd Robert Fulton, S.J. had accepted his appointment as a member of the Examining Committee.

Purchasing Clerk's duties

Ordered, That the Purchasing Clerk shall, upon requisitions approved by the Librarian, purchase all supplies needed for use in the Library and Branches, and contract for supplies, and work for needed repairs or other purposes; and he shall have charge of, and keep an accurate account of all such supplies and work.

Duncan, G. gift from.

On motion of Professor Haynes,

Voted to accept the gift from the Hon. G. Duncan of a case to contain engravings.

Voted, that the thanks of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston be presented to the Hon. G. Duncan for his very acceptable gift to the Library of a valuable case for holding engravings.

Duplicates for N. E. branch.

The subject of placing books from the Duplicate room in the North End branch was referred to the Librarian with full powers.

Bulletin for April.

Ordered, that the following be the matter and order of arrangement for the April 1st Bulletin:-

1st Classified Bates Hall index
2d " Lower Hall "
3d Author list to both

4th Subject index to both lists.
5th Bibliography of the Aryan question.
6th Bibliography of special subjects.
7th Notice of the purchases by the Library at the Barlow sale.
8th Notes.

Officers' names for Bulletin

The subject of the names of officers of the Library to be published in the Bulletin was referred to the President.

Barlow books in room "H"

Ordered, that the Barlow books be located in room H.

Ashmont, petition for a delivery

A petition for a delivery station at Ashmont was received, and the Librarian was requested to confer with the petitioners as to location and other details.

Loan, New Library.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be and hereby is requested to issue in addition to those heretofore requested, bonds or certificates of indebtedness, as provided in Chapter 68 of the Acts of 1889 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the order of the City Council of the City of Boston, approved 11th March 1889, to the amount of Five Hundred Thousand dollars ($500,000.00)

additional bonds to be issued, for $500,000.00

Adjourned to Monday March 17th at 4 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk

Monday March 17, 1890.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4. p.m.

Present, Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Louis F. Gray acted as Clerk.

Gray, L.F. Clk.

The record of the meeting of March 14 was read and approved.

Complaints.

Various complaints and suggestions from the Public were considered by the Trustees, and answers were directed to be returned to such as require it.

Ryder, F. Foreman of Bindery.

Ordered, that from this date Mr. Frank Ryder be foreman of the Bindery.

The subject of an apprentice for the Bindery was referred to the President.

Heating and Ventilation for new bldg

The subjects of heating and ventilation of the new Public Library building were discussed, and it was

Trustees to visit New York &c.

Voted, that the Trustees make a personal visit to New York, Baltimore and Washington for the examination of these subjects as exemplified in the public buildings of those cities, and that they adjourn to meet at 12 o'clock, noon on March 18, 1890 at the New York and New England railroad station and proceed upon their journey.

Adjourned

Louis F. Gray
Clerk pro tem.

April 1, 1890.

Tuesday, April 1, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.,

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, and Prince.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of March 17 was read and approved.

Loan, New Library Corporation Counsel's opinion

A communication dated March 27 from the City Treasurer was received, enclosing an opinion of the Corporation Counsel, that the City Council has limited the amount that may be expended in the construction of the new Public Library building to $1,166,000.00 and that the Act of the Legislature authorizing a loan of $1,000,000.00 did not supersede or repeal this limitation; also a letter from the City Treasurer dated April 1, stating that following the advice of the Corporation Counsel as contained in this opinion he could ask only for proposals for $300,000.00 of said loan, instead of $500,000.00 as recently requested by the Trustees, whereupon it was

Vote amended $300,000.00 instead of $500,000.00

Ordered, that the vote of the Trustees of March 14 be amended by inserting $300,000.00 instead of $500,000.00 as the amount of bonds or certificates of indebtedness that the City Treasurer be requested to issue on account of the loan for the new Public Library building and that he be notified of this action.

Barry and Eldridge, B. H. runners.

The Librarian reported that he had engaged Edward F. Barry and Walter H. Eldridge as Bates Hall runners from March 28, 1890, at $3.50 per week, subject to the approval of the Trustees.

Macurdy, Theodocia sick

That Miss Theodocia Macurdy of the Ordering Department is away by reason of illness, and that he had temporarily engaged for this service, subject to the approval of the Trustees, Miss K. L. Green from March 28, 1890, at $9.75 a week while she is in the service.

Green, K. L. $9.75

Bond, S. A. leaves Ashmont, delivery st.

That Mrs. S. A. Bond left the service March 11, '90.

The Librarian further reported that he had visited the proposed location for the delivery station at Ashmont, and the subject was laid on the table.

Public Library and Public Schools, report on

In pursuance of the order of the Trustees of Oct 22, 1889 he reported that further proceedings upon the relation of the Public Library to the Public Schools awaited the action of the Superintendent of Schools.

On motion of Mr. Prince

Tudor, F. to examine systems of ventilation &c.

Voted, that Mr. Frederick Tudor be requested to investigate systems of ventilation in Europe and that he be allowed by the Trustees a sum not exceeding $500. for his expenses.

Bates, Lavinia, will of.

The will of Miss Lavinia Bates of Concord Mass., in which she bequeaths certain portraits to the Library was referred to Mr. Prince.

Catalogue cards printed outside.

A report was received from Mr. Whitney upon the experiment of printing catalogue cards at an outside printing house, but no action was taken.

Langerfeldt's bill $85.

Ordered, that T. O. Langerfeldt's bill of $85. for alterations in the perspective drawing of the new Public Library be approved.

Roof iron construction.

The President reported that he had advertised for bids for the iron construction of the roof of the new Public Library building, to be opened April 8th.

Clk. of Works report.

Reports of the Clerk of the Works to March 15 were received and ordered to be placed on file.

Gray, L. F. extra allowance.

Ordered, that Louis F. Gray be allowed $12. for extra service.

Barry and Eldridge

Ordered, that Edward F. Barry and Walter H. Eldridge be allowed from March 28, 1890, at $3.50 per week.

Green, K. L.

Ordered, that Miss K. L. Green be allowed at $9.75 a week from March 28, 1890.

Bulletin $1.00 a year. and as 2d Class mail matter.

The subscription price of the quarterly Bulletin of the Library was fixed at $1.00 and the President was authorized to sign the papers required by the Post Office department to permit it to be transmitted through the mails at pound rates.

Chn. runner at.

Miss Cartée's request to be permitted to employ a runner for extra service, was laid on the table.

Atkinson, Edwd. suggestions upon ventilation and heating

A letter was received from Edward Atkinson, Esq. suggesting that the Trustees inspect some of the factories warmed and ventilated by the Sturtevant process, naming the Pacific Mills at Lawrence as a good example, whereupon it was

Thanks for same

Voted, that the thanks of the Trustees be conveyed to Mr. Atkinson for his interest in the problem which the Trustees are endeavoring to solve, and that his suggestion will be acted upon.

Special card.

A special card was granted to Helene H. Boll.

Adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Melvin Lamborn

Clerk

Friday, April 4, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4. p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of April 1 was read and approved.

Assessors, President reports interview

The President reported that he had had an interview with the Board of Assessors as to the valuation of the books and other property of the Library.

Returns from departments.

Ordered, that each department make a return of the value of the property.

Quaritch's exhibition.

The invitation of Mr. Bernard A. Quaritch to the Trustees to visit his exhibition of rare books was accepted with thanks.

Trustees' report.

The draft of the Trustees' report was approved and ordered to be printed.

Roof-tiles.

The President was authorized to advertise for bids for roof-tiles.

Model of staircase

Ordered, that Messrs. Herter & Co. be requested to send the plaster model of the staircase of the new Public Library building to the Trustees' room.

Carving for cornice

Ordered, that the President be authorized to sign a special order for the carving of the cornice approved by vote of Trustees of November 15, 1889.

Financial statement

The Librarian laid before the Trustees the financial statement of the Library to April 1, 1890.

Chn. runner at.

Miss Cartée's request for an extra runner was taken from the table and the Librarian was authorized to permit her to engage one at 10¢ an hour.

Exam. Com'tee visits branches

The Librarian reported that the sub-committee upon branch libraries of the Examining Committee visited the South Boston and Dorchester branches, and Mt. Bowdoin on Monday March 31, 1890.

Complaints.

Two complaints from the Public were re-

ceived, and the proper reply was directed to be made.

Adjourned

Mellen Chandler Clerk

Tuesday, April 8, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards, and Messrs. Sherburne and Benton.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

At 4. p. m. Mr. Sherburne opened the box containing the bids for the iron construction of the roof, and the President read them, as follows: Roof, iron construction, bids.

Name	Amount	Liquidated damages	Work to be Done	
Post and McCord	$36,375.00	$50.00 a day	15 June 1890.	Accompanied by a cheque for $1000.
Woodbury & Leighton	39,420.00	$10.00 "	1 Nov. "	〃 〃 〃
Keystone Bridge Co.	49,500.00	$50.00 "	1 Aug. "	Accompanied by a cheque for $1000.
David H. Andrews	37,195.00	— "	10 Oct. "	〃 〃
Norton Iron Co.	53,277.00	— "	1 Oct. "	〃 〃
Frank L. Froment	38,000.00	— "	10 July "	〃 〃 〃

On motion of Mr. Prince, seconded by Mr. Pierce,

Voted, to award the contract for the iron construction of the roof of the new Library building to the lowest bidders, Messrs. Post and McCord for $36,375.00 Post and McCord, lowest bidders

Voted, that the Trustees visit the quarry at Milford Friday forenoon. Quarry to be visited.

On motion of Mr. Prince,

Voted, that the President be authorized to execute a contract with Messrs. Post and McCord for the iron construction of the roof of the new Public Library building. Post and McCord, contract to be made.

Reports of the Clerk of the Works to April 1 were received and ordered to be placed on file. Clk. of Works rept.

The President laid before the Trustees an order from the City Government dated March 27 requesting the Trustees to consider the expediency of maintaining a circulating library instead of the present delivery station at the North End. Laid upon the table. North End for a circulating library.

Murphy, John salary

Ordered, that the salary of John Murphy be at the rate of $15. a week from April 8, 1890.

Dorchester, Janitor at

The subject of a new janitor at the Dorchester branch was referred to the President and he was authorized to discharge the present incumbent.

Adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk

April 15, '90

Tuesday April 15, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.00 p.m.

Present, Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of April 4 and April 8 were read and approved; no record of the meeting of Friday April 11th at Milford Quarry having been made.

Post and McCord contract for $35,000.00

The President reported that he had executed a contract with Messrs. Post and McCord for the iron construction of the roof of the new Public Library, as authorized at the meeting of the Trustees of April 8, 1890, for $35,000.00 their bid having been $36,375.

Exam. Com'tee report of visits to Branches

The Librarian reported that he had accompanied the Examining Committee on their visit to the East Boston, North End, Charlestown and Brighton branches, and the Allston delivery station on Monday April 14, 1890.

Brighton, painting at.

The subject of painting the rooms at the Brighton branch was referred to Mr. Pierce to procure estimates.

The subject of repairs upon the fence

surrounding the Brighton branch was laid on the table. Brighton branch fence.

Communications from the Public were referred to the Librarian to consider and report. Complaints.

G. A. Schmitt's application for a special card was not approved, for the reason that his case does not come within the rule relating to special cards. Special card refused G. A. Schmitt

The price of special bibliography No. 5 was fixed at fifty cents in American money and 3 shillings in English money. Special Bibliography No 5, price of

A hand colored copy by Volpato of the Loggie di Raphael nel Naticano offered by Bernard Quaritch for £250. was laid before the Trustees and it was Volpato's Raphael. £250.

Voted, to purchase at not exceeding $1000. or £200. and that Messrs. Abbott and Haynes be a committee with discretionary powers. Same.

Adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk

April 18, 1890.

Friday April 18, 1890.

The regular semi weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4. p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of April 15 was read and approved.

Complaints

The Librarian reported that he had examined into the suggestions and complaints from the Public referred to at the last meeting of the Trustees and that the persons had been communicated with.

National Library of Honduras books from

He laid before the Trustees a letter from the director of the National Library of the Republic of Honduras soliciting an exchange of public and private documents with the "National Library of Boston", also a note from one of the Custom House officials that a package of pamphlets from Honduras addressed to the "National Library of Boston, Mass.," is there for identification.

Same, at Custom House

Same

The Trustees expressed the opinion that the Library meant is the Boston Public Library and directed that the documents be claimed and if found not to be intended for the Library they shall be sent to the State Library.

Volpato's Raphael bought.

The President, for the Committee reported that the copy of Volpato's Raphael's Loggie could be purchased only at a 5% discount for cash, and recommended the purchase at £237.10.0. in advance from the money of a proposed fund for the purchase of architectural books to be established by C. F. McKim and others.

The President reported that C. F. McKim Esq., had expressed a desire to present a

fountain to the Trustees, to be placed in the Court Yard of the new Public Library as a memorial to his wife, whereupon it was,

Mr. McKim to present fountain

Voted, to accept this gift, with the thanks of the Trustees, and that the space in the centre of the Courtyard be assigned to this special object.

Same, accepted

Courtyard space reserved.

Ordered, that the names of Felton and Wyman be omitted from the list of those adopted at the meeting of the Trustees of March 3d to be placed in the spandrels of the mosaic vaults of the entrance hall, and be placed in some other part of the new Public Library building.

Felton and Wyman names omitted from vaults.

to go elsewhere.

Adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain

Clerk

April 22, 1890.

Tuesday April 22, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince and Pierce.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of April 18, 1890 was read and approved.

Circulation for 3 mos.

The Librarian reported upon the circulation of the various departments of the Library for the quarter ending March 31, 1890 which exceeds by 58000 that of the corresponding period of 1889.

Honduras National Library of.

He laid before the Trustees a parcel of documents from the National Library of Honduras, which were ordered to be put into the Library in exchange for an equivalent in Boston City documents from the duplicates.

Lower Hall circulation

The President read a communication from Mr. Tiffany upon the circulation of the Lower Hall, which was ordered to be placed on file.

Complaints

Two complaints were read from the Public.

Lower Hall force to begin work at 8.30

The Librarian was requested to notify the entire Lower Hall force to observe the rule of the Trustees to be present for duty at 8.30 a.m.

Special cards.

Applications for special cards were received from A. Hingst, J. R. Buchanan, and Henry E. Waite, and it was directed that the proper blank form of request be sent to the first two named, and that Mr. Waite be asked to see the Librarian.

Hist. Biog. & Travel catalogue, letter from Mr. Whitney

Mr. James L. Whitney's communication dated March 7, 1890 relating to the Lower Hall catalogue of History, Biography and Travel was read and laid upon the table.

McNiven

Ordered, that Daniel W. McNiven be allowed as Bates Hall runner for Sunday service at $1.20 in place of James Brown.

Murphy, Geo.

Ordered, that G. Murphy be allowed as evening runner in Bates Hall at 60 cents in place of Geo. F. Remlinger.

Warren, Prescott $6.

Ordered, that Prescott Warren be allowed as an assistant in the Shelf Department at $6. a week from April 28 in place of William Walsh who has been serving at 25 cents an hour.

Bibliography of the Aryan question

Ordered, that the Bibliography of the Aryan question be separately printed as No. 6. of the Bibliographies of Special Subjects.

Clk of Works.

Reports of the Clerk of the Works to April 15 were received and ordered to be placed on file.

Muybridge's Animal Locomotion.

The subject of the purchase of a copy of Muybridge's Animal Locomotion was considered, but no action was taken.

Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

April 25, 1890.

Friday, April 25, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4. p.m.

Present, Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards, and Messrs. Sherburne, representing His Honor, the Mayor, McKim and Benton.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of April 22, 1890, was not read.

Tile-roofing bids opened.

Mr. Sherburne opened the box containing bids for the tile-roofing of the new Library building, and Mr. Abbott read them, as follows:

Salamander brick and tile co.

The Salamander Brick and Tile Co. to have work done by Jan. 1, 1891; Liquidated Damages —; for the sum of $57,271.00; accompanied by certified check for $750.00

Lindemann Terra-cotta roofing tile co.

The Lindemann Terra-Cotta Roofing Tile Co. to have work done by Aug. 1, 1890; Liquidated Damages $10. a day; for the sum of $38,100.00; accompanied by a certified check for $750.00

The bids were taken under advisement by the Trustees.

Salamander Co's check.

Ordered, that the check for $750. accompanying the bid of the Salamander Brick and Tile Company be returned.

Income of trust funds to Barings.

Ordered, that the President request the City Treasurer to remit to Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. the annual income of the Trust funds belonging to the Library, amounting to $8118.03, the same to be placed to the credit of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston.

Brush, G. de F. requests to take books to N.Y.

The request of George de F. Brush to take books from the Library to New York City, his place of residence, was not granted and the President was requested to communicate to him this action of the Trustees.

Keenan, John J. Salary.

The subject of John J. Keenan's 2d and 3d years' salary, which has not yet been determined by the Trustees, was laid on the table.

Complaints

Complaints from the Public were received and referred to the Librarian.

Special cards.

J. R. Buchanan's request for a special card was referred to the Librarian.

Stassoff, V. gift to Library

A communication was received from Vladimir Stassoff, Chief of the Section of Fine Arts of the Imperial Library of St. Petersburg, stating that he had sent to the Boston Public Library through the Commission of International Exchanges a copy of his work "L'ornement slave et oriental," and action was deferred until the work is received.

Adjourned at 6 p.m. Melvin G. Chamberlain Clerk.

Tuesday, April 29, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

The records of the meetings of April 22 and April 25, 1890, were read and approved.

Mayor's circular No. 37 List of officers and salaries.

The President laid before the Trustees Circular No. 37, dated April 25, from His Honor, the Mayor, requesting a "list of the officers and subordinates in each department, the position each fills, and the amount required for the compensation of each for the municipal (financial) year beginning with the first day of May 1890," and reported that it was received too late for the consideration of the Trustees at their meeting of that date, and that the information required had been furnished.

Bibliography of Aryan question.

The order passed at the meeting of April 22, 1890, that the Bibliography of the Aryan question be separately printed was reconsidered and the subject postponed for future action.

Cambridge Lyceum stock

A notice of the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Lyceum of the City of Cambridge on May 6, 1890 was received and ordered to be placed on file.

Century dictionary for Chn.

A request from Miss Cartée for the Century Dictionary for the Charlestown branch was laid upon the table until the publication is completed.

Bowthorpe's salary

Mr. Samuel T. Bowthorpe's request for more salary was laid upon the table.

N. E. branch new location.

Mr. Pierce was appointed a Committee to confer with His Honor, the Mayor, and the Board of Police Commissioners with respect to a new location for the North End branch.

Prof. Haynes, for the Committee upon periodicals for the Reading room reported a rec-

"Standard" for reading room.

commendation favoring the addition of the "Standard", which was approved and the necessary order passed, also that he had communicated with Mr. Muybridge with respect to the purchase by the Library of his work upon animal locomotion.

"Cathedrals of the World" $20.00

Ordered, that a set of the "Cathedrals of the World" be purchased for $20.

Marble for lions.

The President read a letter from Messrs. Robert C. Fisher & Co. stating that the two blocks of Siena marble for the lions may be expected by the end of May.

Walburg and Sherry painting Brighton branch $385.00

Mr. Pierce reported that he had obtained an estimate of Walburg and Sherry for painting the Brighton branch, all in water color, for $385.00 whereupon it was

Same ordered.

Ordered, that the contract for this work be given to Messrs. Walburg and Sherry, for $385.00 for all water color.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Telephone to President's office

Ordered, that the office of the President of the Trustees be connected by telephone with the Library.

Special cards.

Special cards were granted to N. Cyr and L. Dickerman.

"Signed slips" prohibited.

Ordered, that no one be permitted to endorse home-use slips for persons presenting themselves without borrowers' cards except the Librarian and Mr. Knapp.

In view of her faithful service of nearly twenty-eight years,

Mack, Eliza J. allowance for illness

Ordered, that Miss Eliza J. Mack be allowed full pay for the time she has been absent from the Library by reason of illness.

Room "H." door to be replaced and kept locked.

Ordered, that the Custodian of the Building be instructed to replace the door of the room adjoining the Barton Library and known as Room H, furnish a Yale lock for the same, and remove thereto the books purchased at the Barlow sale, and those in the closets with grated doors.

Lynch, Emma. requests more salary.

The request of Emma F. Lynch of the South End branch for increase of salary was referred to the Librarian of that Branch to communicate her views to the Trustees in writing.

Adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Melvin Chamberlain
Clerk.

May 2, 1890.

Friday, May 2, 1890.

The regular semi-weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Haynes, Prince, Pierce and Richards.

The President, Mr. Abbott, in the chair.

Gray, L. F. Clk. pro tem.

Louis F. Gray was chosen Clerk pro tem.

The record of the meeting of April 29, 1890 was read and approved.

Richards, Wm. R. Trustee.

A certificate was received from the City Clerk's office of the election of William R. Richards as a Trustee of the Public Library for the term of five years from the first Monday in May 1890. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Scholfield, Jos.

A communication was read from His Honor, the Mayor, notifying the Trustees that the late Joseph Scholfield, who received the income of the Scholfield fund,

Scholfield bequest.

has bequeathed this income, amounting to $11,766.27 to the City of Boston to be added to this fund. Read and ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Prince,

Ordered, that the President be authorized

Lindemann terra cotta tile company Contract $35,000.00

to execute a contract in the name and on behalf of the Trustees, with the Lindemann Terra Cotta Roofing Tile Company of Baltimore for $35000.00 for the tile roofing of the new Public Library building.

Special orders No. 51 to 72

Special orders no. 51 to 72, inclusive, for work upon the new Public Library building, amounting in all to $17,876.01, more or less, were approved, and the President was authorized to sign the same.

At 6.00 p.m. adjourned.

Louis F. Gray
Clerk.
pro tem.

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